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OF THE

NAVY BOARD,

FROM

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WARRANT CREATING THE NAVY BOARD.

In Council of Safety,
Philadelphia, February 13*th*, 1777.

Resolved, That Messrs. Andrew Caldwell, Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, Emanuel Eyres, Paul Cox & Robert Ritchie, be appointed to Act as a Navy Board, and be authorized to take under their care all the Vessels of War, Armed Boats, Fire Ships, Fire Rafts, &ca., constructed for the defence of this City by Water, and do furnish them with everything necessary to attack or repel the Enemy: To provide and to have a general Superintendant of the Stores necessary for their department, to prepare and to keep in proper State of defence the Fortifications on Fort Island, to examine the River Channel, and to cause Chevaux de Frize to be sunk in such places as they may Judge proper to obstruct the passage of the enemies' Ships; And that for the above purposes they or any three of them have full power to act, and to draw Orders on the Treasurer of this Board, for such sums as may be necessary, subject always to the direction & Control of the Council.

Extract from the minutes.

JACOB S. HOWELL, *Sec'y.*

A true Copy:

Cornel's Sweers, *Sec'y N. B.*

In Council of Safety,
Philadelphia, Feb'y 19*th*, 1777.

Resolved, That Messrs. William Pollard, Samuel Massey, Thomas Barclay & William Bradford, be added to the Navy Board.

Extract from the Minutes.

JACOB S. HOWELL, *Sec'y.*

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Cornel's Sweers, *Sec'y N. B.*

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IN COUNCIL OF SAFETY,
Philadelphia, February 17th, 1777.

Resolved, That in consequence of advice from Thomas Savadge. at the Pennsylvania Salt Works in Tom's River,* of a design of the Enemy against those works, and of a Letter from Robert Morris, Esqr., one of the Committee of Congress recommending it to the attention of this Council, the Armed Boat called the Delaware, under the command of Richard Eyre, Esqr., be immediately fitted out and ordered to proceed with all expedition to the said Works, there to remain for the defence thereof until further Orders from this board.

Extract from the Minutes.

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* TOM'S RIVER is in the eastern part of New Jersey, emptying into Barnegat Bay. Sloops can ascend it ten miles. Owing to the great scarcity of salt in the Province, the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania, June 24, 1776, appointed a committee to contract with Mr. Thomas Savage to carry on the manufacture thereof, and shortly after appropriated £400 towards the erection of the necessary works. They were in operation as belonging to the State until the death of Mr. Savage in October, 1779, when they were sold in December following to John Thompson, of Burlington county, New Jersey, for the sum of £15,000.

MEMBERS OF THE NAVY BOARD.

ANDREW CALDWELL was a native of Ireland. A member of the firm of William and Andrew Caldwell, merchants of Philadelphia, he signed the non-importation resolutions of 1765. In August, 1775, he was elected a member of the Committee of Inspection and Observation for that city, and in the spring of 1776, was appointed Commodore of the Provincial Fleet, which he commanded in the fight with the British frigates Roebuck and Liverpool, at the *Chevaux de frise*, on the 6th of May following. The imperfect character of the supplies furnished the young navy saved the enemy's vessels, much to the chagrin of the officers of the fleet, who laid all the censure at the door of the Committee of Safety. Shortly after this affair, Commodore Caldwell resigned the chief command on account of ill-health. In December the Assembly appointed him on the Council of Safety, and in February following, upon the organization of the Navy Board, he was properly selected a member. He was one of the wardens of the port of Philadelphia from 1778 to 1782. In 1781 he was chosen one of the first directors of the Bank of North America. The expulsion of the tories and opposition to the restoration of forfeited estates, which agitated the Whigs in 1782, found in Mr. Caldwell a warm advocate. Until his death, which occurred towards the close of the century, he took a lively interest in public affairs.

JOSEPH BLEWER, a captain in the merchant service, was born in Pennsylvania the year 1734, of English parentage. He was one of the original members of the Society of the Sons of St. George, Philadelphia, 1772. In August, 1775, he was elected a member of the Committee of Inspection and Observation for Southwark. He was a delegate to the Carpenter's Hall Provincial Conference, held in June, 1776; member of the Council of Safety, July 23, 1776, and member of the Navy Board, 1777. During September, of the latter year, he served on the committee appointed to arrest disaffected Quakers and tories. He received the appointment of a warden of the port of Philadelphia, October 31, 1781, and was an energetic citizen. Capt. Blewer died August 7, 1789, and is buried in the Swedes' church yard, near the main wall of the church facing west. His wife Sarah, (born 1737, died May 4, 1801,) lies by his side.

JOSEPH MARSH, a native of Philadelphia, was a ship carpenter of Southwark, of the firm of Marsh & Beasly, at 241 Swanson street, in 1791. In July, 1775, the committee for the Defence of the River Delaware, employed him to build gondolas. The flotilla gun-boat "Warren" was built by him. He was a member of the Navy Board, 1777, and Colonel of the Second Battalion of Militia, (artillery,) Philadelphia, in 1780. In 1781 he was directed by President Reed to prepare for a threatened attack from the enemy, but the surrender of

Cornwallis changed the aspect of affairs, and the valiant Colonel was ordered to repair the flag-staff on Market street wharf, preparatory to the salvos from his command on that glorious victory.

EMANUEL EYRE, or as it is more frequently written and printed, MANUEL EYRE, was a noted ship-builder of Kensington, and a native of Philadelphia. He was a member of the Committee of Inspection and Observation for the district. The gun-boats "Bull-dog," Franklin" and "Congress," were built by him. He served on the Navy Board in 1777, and was a signer of the memorial to the Assembly, urging the calling of a Convention. He was a justice of the peace for the Northern Liberties, county of Philadelphia, until his election to the Assembly in 1784. He served a number of years in that legislative body. He died in the beginning of the century. His brothers, Benjamin G. and John, noted shipwrights, were active partisans of the Revolution. The latter held the rank of Colonel in the service. Manuel Eyre, a son, was on the Committee of Defence, of Philadelphia in 1814–15.

PAUL COX, a merchant and native of Philadelphia, appointed to the State Navy Board February, 1777. He was among the number of that body who refused to take the oath of allegiance under the Constitution of 1776, and signed the memorial for a new State Constitutional Convention. He served as Captain in the army. In 1791 he resided at 88 South Front street, Philadelphia.

ROBERT RITCHIE was, probably, of Scotch birth, but came to Philadelphia in very early life. In 1760 he was an officer of St. Andrew's Society of that city, and a member of the State Navy Board at its organization.

WILLIAM POLLARD, a merchant of Philadelphia, was born in that city. He was a member of the Navy Board in 1777, and a sterling patriot throughout the Revolution. In 1786 he held the office of justice of the peace. A zealous member of Christ church, he was one of its wardens in 1783, and again in 1784.

SAMUEL MASSEY, a native of Philadelphia, was a member of the Committee of Inspection and Observation, for the city, November, 1774, and re-elected August, 16, 1775. He was appointed by the Council on the State Navy Board of 1777. In the Philadelphia directory of 1791, he is set down as "gentleman, 161 Vine street."

THOMAS BARCLAY, a native of Ireland, was a prominent merchant of Philadelphia. He was a member of the Committee of Correspondence, appointed by the meeting of the citizens of that city, at the City Tavern, May 20, 1774, to address the people of Boston in relation to the Port Bill. The day following he appended his name to that patriotic document. June 18, 1774, he was appointed a member of the Committee of Correspondence at Philosophical Hall, to induce a meeting of a Congress of the Colonies. In November of the same year, he was elected by the citizens of Philadelphia a member of the Committee of Inspection and Observation for that city, and at the election in 1775 again chosen. In February, 1777, he was a member of the Navy Board, and was quite active in the endeavors made during

that year to call a new Constitutional Convention, owing to the many objectionable features of that of 1776. He was a subscriber, to the extent of £5,000, to establish the first Bank of Pennsylvania. After the formation of the Federal government, he received the appointment of Consul to the Barbary powers, but died at Lisbon, Portugal, on his way to the north of Africa.

WILLIAM BRADFORD, (grandson of the celebrated printer of Philadelphia, the first William Bradford,) was born in New York in 1719. He learned the art of printing with his uncle, Andrew Bradford. In 1742, after a visit to England, he established a printing office in Philadelphia, and commenced the publication of the "Pennsylvania Journal," which was continued to be published for nearly sixty years by him and his successors. During the French and Indian war he served as captain in a company of Provincials. In 1765 he was bitterly hostile to the British Stamp Act, and in the early stage of the struggle for Independence, took up arms in its defence, serving as major at Trenton and Princeton, at the latter being wounded. He was promoted to a colonelcy, and in the affair at Fort Mifflin bore an active part. As a member of the Navy Board he was faithful; and when the British occupied Philadelphia, he superintended the removing of the stores. Upon the evacuation of that city by the enemy, Col. Bradford returned and re-opened his printing office. His shattered health, with the loss of his wife, rendered him unfit for business. He consoled himself with the patriotic reflection, that he had done all in his power to secure freedom for his country. He died September 25, 1791, at the age of seventy-two. His wife, Rachel, was a daughter of Thomas Budd, the author of "Good Order established in Pennsylvania and New Jersey," printed in 1685. They left six children—three sons and three daughters. William Bradford, one of the sons, was Attorney General of the United States under Washington.

MINUTES.

Philad'a Navy Board,
Feb'y 18*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

And'w Caldwell, *C. M.*,	Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer,	Eml. Eyre,
Paul Cox,	Rob't Ritchie.

In pursuance of a Resolve of the Council of Safety, you are immediately to fit out and Man the Armed Boat, called the Delaware, with all despatch for Sea, and when ready shall receive further Orders from this Board.

To Commodore Seymore.

Philad'a Navy Board,
Feb'y 19*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

And'w Caldwell, *C. M.*,	Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer,	Emanuel Eyre,
Paul Cox,	Rob't Ritchie.

Arthur Donaldson ordered to furnish Capt. Simmons with Timber & Plank necessary for finishing the Arnold Battery.

John Mitchell Ordered to deliver to Capt. Roch, of the Delaware Galley, Twenty-four Barrels Bread, with one Week's allowance of Fresh Meat, and six week's allowance of Rum, Vegetables, &ca., for the use of the Crew of the Delaware Galley and Capt. Lawrence's Boat; also, a Second Order for two bbls. Flour.

Examined and passed Captain Isaac Roch's Indent of Stores, and given an Order on Capt. Richards for the several Articles therein contained. [Vide Book B, page 9.]

Examined and passed, also, Capt. Isaac Roch's Indent of Gunner's Stores, and given him an Order on Robert Towers, Esqr., for the several Articles therein contained.

Philad'a Navy Board,
Feb'y 20*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

And'w Caldwell, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Manuel Eyre,
Rob't Ritchie, Sam'l Massey,
William Bradford.

Resolved, That Capt. Blewer be desired to furnish this Board with a list of all the Stores he can get information of, belonging to the Council of Safety, and to make reports thereof as soon as possible.

Philip Wert is ordered to proceed in the Lydia Schooner, for 100 barrels Beef, in the hands of Benja. Hogeland, or to Col. Sam'l Patterson.

Received of Thos. Nevell a list of Sundry Plank, Scantling and Boards, in the hands of James Worrell, Benja. Loxley, Wm. Evans, Thos. Nevell & David Pancust, at the Corner of Chestnut & 5th Streets.

An Order given to Thomas Nevell for a farther quantity of Plank, to be purchased by him.

Philad'a Navy Board,
Feb'y 21*st*, 1777.

PRESENT:

And'w Caldwell, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Sam'l Massey, Manuel Eyre,
Rob't Ritchie, Joseph Marsh,
Will'm Bradford, Joseph Blewer.

Joseph Rhoads directed to go down the River and examine into the State of the Chevaux de Frizes building at Billings Port, &ca., on the Jersey Shore, and make a report to this Board.

In consequence of a Resolve of the Council of Safety, 17th October last, for contracting for twelve Boats to guard the Fire Rafts, Manuel Eyre and Joseph Marsh are appointed to get finished such as are building, and to Contract for the rest.

Navy Board,
Feb'y 22*d*, 1777.

PRESENT:

And'w Caldwell, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
William Bradford, Joseph Marsh,
Sam'l Massey, Robt. Ritchie,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox.

On motion, that some alteration should be made in the construction of the guard Boats:

Resolved, That Manuel Eyre & Joseph Marsh be appointed to construct and give all necessary directions in regard to the building of said Boats.

Navy Board,
Feb'y 24th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Sam'l Massey,
Manuel Eyre.

Pursuant to a request of this Board, Capt. William Richards, (Commissary of Naval Stores for this State,) furnish'd an Inventory of all the Stores under his care.

A Petition from Ralph Ellison, a soldier belonging to the Warren Galley, Thos. Huston, M'r, to the Council of Safety, and by them refer'd to this Board:

Resolved, That Capt. Thos. Huston be immediately sent for.

Joseph Rhoads made a Return of the situation of the Chevaux de Frizes, at Billings-Port. As also the number finish'd & unfinish'd, together with the number Logs there lying.

Navy Board,
Feb'y 25th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Andrew Caldwell, *C. M.*, William Bradford,
Sam'l Massey, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Manuel Eyre,
Rob't Ritchie.

Captain Huston appeared and exhibited his account with Ralph Elleson, and the balance due to him was 15/, which the s'd Huston engaged to pay, and the s'd Elleson was sent to the Hospital by an order from the Council of Safety.

WHEREAS, The Board thought it necessary to employ a Clerk; It was thereupon

Resolved, That Corn's Sweers should act in that Capacity, paying him 7/6 for each day's attention.

Navy Board,
Feb'y 26th, 17.7.

PRESENT:

And'w Caldwell, *C. M.*,	Joseph Blewer,
Will'm Bradford,	Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre,	Rob't Ritchie,
Sam'l Massey,	Joseph Marsh.

William Russell, Surgeon's Mate of the Montgomery, committed to Goal, by order of the Council of Safety, for leaving the service without a discharge and engaging in the Continental.

John Mitchell requested, by Letter, to receive from Captain Roach, of the Delaware Schooner, the Fresh Meat on board, as he is necessarily detained, and to supply him with the same weight when the Delaware is ready to depart.

Ordered, That Sam'l Massey & Paul Cox make enquiry for all Cannon belonging to this State, and to call on Pancust for that purpose, and particularly for 2 pair Short 4 pounders.

Ordered, That the following Letter be sent to Commodore Seymore:

SIR:—It is the opinion of this Board that there is a great deal of negligence and inattention prevails in the Fleet.

It is, therefore, the desire of this Board that you will issue immediately, positive and express Orders in writing, to the Several Commanders of the Galleys, that they order the Men belonging to each of them to be mustered on board Morning and Evening, and to be exercised every day without other business calls them away. That the utmost deligence should be used in recruiting by the Drum, &ca., of each Galley, going about the city daily for that purpose, until their number is compleat. And, also, that the Commanders of the Galleys in the Carpenter's hands, should have express orders from you to send an Officer on board each of them with as many men as can be usefully employ'd in assisting the Carpenter. This Board farther expects that the Commanders of each Gondalo will keep up such good Order and command on board their vessels, that at all times their men shall be ready and willing to do every kind of reasonable duty that shall be required of them with chearfulness and alacrity.

It's also the desire of this Board that all the Gondalo's Ordered down to the Fort, except those in the Carpenter's hands, shall carry all their sick with them that are in condition to be removed. Every Commander, nevertheless, leaving a proper Officer in the City with a Drum, &ca., for the purpose of recruiting, which must be possitively attended with the greatest deligence.

To Commodore Seymore.

"In Council of Safety,
Philada., February 25th, 1777.

Resolved, That every person, Seamen or Soldier in the Service of this State, who by sickness or otherwise shall be rendered unfit to do his duty, shall be sent to the nearest Hospital to be taken care of, and if his case shall, by the Director or Physician thereof, be thought incurable, he shall certifie the same to the Navy Board, or to this or the Executive Council of this State, who will order proper provision to be made for him as soon as may be.

Extract from the Minutes.

JACOB S. HOWELL, *Sec'y.*

A true Copy,
Cornel's Sweers, *Sec'y N. B.*"

Navy Board,
Feb'y 27th, 1777.

Present:

And'w Caldwell, *C. M.*,	Joseph Marsh,
Will'm Bradford,	Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre,	Joseph Blewer,
Sam'l Massey,	Rob't Ritchie.

Captain Richards ordered to deliver the following Rigging to Capt. John Rice, of the Schooner Convention. Vide Book B, page 5.

Delivered to John Webb, of the Experiment, Fifteen Blankets, out of the Council of Safety's Store, and said Webb acknowledges to have only 5 Blankets on board his Gondalo, ₱ his Receipt:

Delivered to John McFetrich, of the Washington, Thirteen Blankets, out of the Council of Safety's Store, and said McFetrich acknowledges to have only 5 Blankets on board his Gondalo, ₱ his Receipt.

Ordered, Doctor Dunlap to put up a Box of Medicines for the Delaware Schooner.

The following Letter was wrote to Captain Hazlewood:

Sir:—This Board desires you will engage two or more Smiths, to make Grapling & Chains for 4 Fire Ships, and also to bespeak Troughs of Bedford for those Ships. You'll likewise look out for such Vessels as will be suitable for the purpose, and report to this Board where they lay, that they may be viewed and purchased. As the season of the year is so far advanced, beg that all possible dispatch may be used in procuring these articles.

Navy Board,
28*th Feb'y*, 1777.

PRESENT:

And'w Caldwell, *C. M.*,	Josep Blewer,
Will'm Bradford,	Manuel Eyre,
Sam'l Massey,	Rob't Ritchie,
Paul Cox,	Josep Marsh.

The following Resolve of the Council of Safety was handed to this Board, and sent to Mr. Nesbitt:

"*Resolved*, That the Navy Board be empowered to draw on John M. Nesbitt, Esqr., Treasurer to this Board, for such sums of Money as may be wanting for that department."

Tittermary (Rope maker) is engaged to make all the Rope he can for this Board, and deliver rigging as fast as possible, until he is told to stop.

Passed Elijah Dow's account for the Chatham Gondalo on the Treasurer, £29 10 2½. This acco't returned, and an order given on William Webb for this sum, 3d March, 1777.

The Ships Sam and King George being advertised for sale this evening at the London Coffee House, they are, in the opinion of this Board, proper vessels for Fire Ships; therefore,

Resolved, That Paul Cox shall bid for both these Ships, and purchase them for that use.

Ordered, Capt. Richards to supply Wm. Brown, Commander of the Putnam Battery, with a Cable and Anchor, and sundry small articles.

Resolved, That all Galleys, Gondalos, Batteries & Boats of every sort, shall be painted Black and Yellow, and no other Colours allowed.

Navy Board,
March 1*st*, 1777.

PRESENT:

And'w Caldwell, *C. M.*,	Josep Blewer,
Wm. Bradford,	Rob't Ritchie,
Sam'l Massey,	Paul Cox,
	Joseph Marsh.

In consequence of the Resolve of yesterday concerning the purchase of Fire ships, The prize Ship King George was only put up for sale, and she was bought by Paul Cox for Eleven Hundred and Five pounds.

Richard Wells, Junr., presented a petition to the Council of Safety to be continued in his Boat for the purpose of Victualing the Fleet.

Resolved, That the said Wells be continued to ply to Fort Island with provisions daily, together with two other Men in said Boat, and to be allowed Twenty-five shillings ℔ day for himself, Boat and hands.

Delivered to Hugh Montgomery, of the Effingham, twelve Blankets out of the Council of Safety's Store, for which he has given a receipt, together with six Blankets and Three Rugs formerly received.

Resolved, That the Masters of all Shallops belonging to this State, under the direction of this Board, be allowed Seven pounds Ten Shillings ℔ Month, to commence from next pay day, and the Mate of the Sally be allowed Five pounds ℔ Month.

William Richards Ordered to deliver to John Annis 5 pieces Russia Sail Cloth for a Mainsail for Sloop Industry, Townsend, Master.

Delivered to Capt. John Hazlewood, an order from the Council of Safety, on Dr. Wm. Smith for 50 ℔ Salt Petre.

And also, an order from this Board on Robert Towers for 100 ℔ Meal, & 12 ℔ Corn Powder, and 50 Grenade Shells.

And an order on William Richards for 60 ℔s Sulphur, and 20 ℔ Tallow.

Capt. Richards having sent into this Board a list of Stores wanted for supplying the Fleet:

It is agreed, That Saml. Massey & Paul Cox be appointed to purchase and procure such articles as may be necessary for the outfit and supply of the Fleet, and send them to said Richards' Store.

Resolved, That Joseph Marsh and Manuel Eyre be and are impower'd to draw orders on of the Lumber yard, for such stuff as they may want from time to time, and also on Capt. Richards for such supplys as they may want from his Store, being for the use of Vessels repairing, &ca., under their direction.

Navy Board,
March 3rd, 1777.

PRESENT:

And'w Caldwell, *C. M.*,	Will'm Bradford,
Joseph Marsh,	Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer,	Robert Ritchie,
Paul Cox,	Sam'l Massey.

Robert Towers directed to deliver to Capt. Roach, of the Delaware Galley, Sundry Grape Shot. Vide Book B, page 9.

The following order was drawn this day on John M. Nesbitt, Esqr., Treasurer:

"Please pay to Wm. Webb Two Thousand pounds, and place it to acco't of this Board.

Signed. WM. BRADFORD, *C. M.*"

Griffith Jones being well recommended to this Board, he is appointed to the Command of the Fire Ship Strumbello.

An order drawn on William Webb, in favor Elijah Dow, for his account of Iron Work against the Chatham Gondalo for £29 10 2½.

"In Council of Safety,

PHILADA., *March* 3*d*, 1777.

Resolved, That the Navy Board be empowered to take the Province Sloop into their possession immediately, to be employed for such purposes as they may think proper.

By order of the Council.

THO. WHARTON, JUN'R, *Pres't.*

A true Copy:

CORNEL'S SWEERS, *Sec'y N. B.*"

Navy Board,

March 4*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

And'w Caldwell, *C. M.*,	Rob't Ritchie,
Joseph Marsh,	Wm. Bradford,
Manuel Eyre,	Joseph Blewer,
Sam'l Massey,	Paul Cox.

William Richards ordered to deliver Capt. Wm. Brown 600 wt. Junk, for the use of the Putnam Battery.

Resolved, That John Hazlewood, Esqr., be directed to give immediate and Express orders, in writing, to the Commanders of the Fire Ships, Armed Boats and Fire Rafts, that they order the Men under their Command to be mustered every morning and Evening, in order to attend to their duty; and that no Officer or Man absent himself without the special leave of the said John Hazlewood, Esqr.

An order on William Webb, in favor Abr'm Hazleberg, for sundry Ship Chandl'ry bo't by Wm. Richards for £77 6.

An order on William Richards to John Christie, for the Vesuvius Fire Brig, Ten fathom 5½ Inch Rope.

Delivered to Capt. James Blair of the Burke, out of the Council of Safety's Store, Ten Blankets, he having given a receipt for these, and five received formerly.

William Richards ordered to deliver to Capt. Townsend, of the Sloop Industry, the Sundry Articles contained in her Indent.

The following Letter was wrote to William Richards:

Sir :—It will be proper you furnish this Board with your accounts of goods purchased since the last Settlement. And that the signals remain under your direction, but that you will furnish this Board with an account of the Stations, list of the Men's Names, Wages, and order of Signals; and as the wages becomes due you shall have an Order monthly.

An Order on William Webb, in favor Peter Knight, for 2 p'r 4 pounders for the Schooner Delaware, for £91 5 2.

This day appointed Mr. John Smith to take the management and direction of building, finishing and launching the Chevaux de Frizes, and gave him instructions to purchase 30 M feet of 2 Inch Pine Plank, with a Letter to Captain Jonathan Williams of the Jerseys.

Joseph Wade is appointed to the Command of the Province Sloop, at £7 10 ℔ month, with two Rations.

Samuel Massey & Paul Cox are appointed to examine Capt. Richards' Accounts since 3d February last, and asscertain the Goods in his Store belonging to this State.

Navy Board,
March 5th, 1777.

Present:

Andrew Caldwell, *C. M.*, Sam'l Massey,
William Bradford, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Manu'l Eyre,
Rob't Ritchie.

Delivered to Alexander Henderson, of the Dickinson Gondalo, Fifteen Blankets out of the Council of Safety's Store, and took his receipt for these & Seven formerly received.

An order on Wm. Webb, in fav'r George Goodwin, for Sundries bo't of him and sent to Wm. Richards' Store, £71 1 6.

(Signed,) W. BRADFORD.

Sam'l Massey is appointed to bid for and purchase the Brig Rebecca & her Cargo; and also the Ship Sam, which are advertised to be sold to-morrow evening at the Coffee House.

Navy Board,
March 6th, 1777.

Present:

And'w Caldwell, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh,
Wm. Bradford, Joseph Blewer,
Sam'l Massey, Manuel Eyre,
Paul Cox, Rob't Ritchie.

Philip Buck, First Lieutenant of the Congress Gondalo, presented a petition for leave to resign, which, being duly considered, the Prayer of his Petition could not, in the opinion of this Board, be granted.

An order on William Webb, in favour John Flintham, for 20 Mast Hoops for the Schooner Delaware, £2 0 0.

Navy Board,
March 7th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Andrew Caldwell, *C. M.*,	Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre,	Rob't Ritchie,
Will'm Bradford,	Sam'l Massey,
Paul Cox,	Joseph Marsh.

Samuel Massey reports that he has purchased the Brig Rebecca and her Cargo for Seventeen Hundred & fifty pounds.

An order on William Webb to Sam'l Massey, for 45 Hickory Brooms sent to the Provincial Store, for £2.

Sam'l Massey & Paul Cox reports that they have been at Capt. Richard's Store, and that his Clerk informs them that all goods purchased since 23d February last, are not included in the Inventory Capt. Richards d'ld to this Board.

A Letter to John Hazlewood, Esqr., directing him to send a proper person to take possession of the Brig Rebecca.

An order on Wm. Webb to		Peter Knell, for Nails, -	£51	7	6
ditto	ditto	Wm. Jackson, for Sund's,	1	13	
ditto	ditto	Estate John Englis, - -	180	9	7
ditto	ditto	Wm. Richards, for the expense of Signals, - - -	191	10	
ditto	ditto	Edw'd Pole, for lines for Schooner Delaware, - -	2	15	6
ditto	ditto	John Hazlewood, Esqr., -	200		
ditto	ditto	Wm. Tharp, - - - - - -	12	15	

An Order on Robert Towers, Esqr., to Edward Pole, for One Hundred and fifty Nine pounds Pigg Lead.

Joseph Marsh appointed to purchase a Sloop of Virt, for the purpose of carrying Stone, Balast, &ca.

An order on William Webb to Philip Virt, for the Cost of a Sloop Mr. Marsh bo't of him for One hundred & forty-five pounds, £145.

Navy Board,
March 8th, 1777.

PRESENT:

And'w Caldwell, *C. M.*,	Joseph Blewer,
Joseph Marsh,	Rob't Ritchie,
Wm. Bradford,	Manuel Eyre,
Paul Cox,	Sam'l Massey.

Josep Marsh has delivered in the Bill of Sale, for the Sloop he purchased yesterday, called the Liberty, and George Virt is appointed to the Command of her.

William Russell, Surgeon's Mate on board the Montgomery, is this day discharged from the Service by the Council of Safety.

An order on Wm. Webb, to		Jno. Bonnet, for wood - -	£3 7 6
ditto	ditto	Wm. Richards, for sundries, - - - - - - - -	78 10 9
ditto	ditto	Jacob Myers, (Smith,) - -	23 8 0
ditto	ditto	Joh. Wharton, for supplies to different vessels - - - - - - - - -	24 11 6

A petition from John Dean, dated 3d Inst., prayin' the Council of Safety to take his Case under consideration, and refered to this Board. This Board, this day, ordered Mr. John Dean to attend with his Witnesses, who appeared and entered fully into the merits of the Case, and are of opinion that the charges alledged against said Dean, in the proceedings of a Court Martial held at the Barracks, the 26th ulto., signed by Commodore Thomas Seymour, doth appear to this Board to be too justly grounded, and we do hereby confirm the same.

Navy Board,
March 10th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Tho's Barclay, *C. M.*,	Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer,	Rob't Ritchie,
Will'm Bradford,	Sam'l Massey,
Joseph Marsh.	

An Order on William Webb to Wm. Davis, for Sundries, sent to William Richards' Store, £106 0 3½.

An Order on William Webb to Wm. Davis, for Sundries sent to Sam'l Rhoads, Jr., £9 15 0.

Captain Richards ordered to deliver a bbl. Tar, by the Council of Safety, & rec'd the money for it, £0 15.

Sam'l Massey and Paul Cox reports that there is 47 Barrells of Pork, and 5 Barrells of Beef, in the Store rented of John Nixon, on his Wharf.

Wm. Pritchard ordered to deliver Capt. Roach, of the Delaware Galley, 5 Barrels of Pork.

Edmund Nehill is appointed Clerk to John Hazlewood, Esqr., for taking care of the Stores belonging to that department, under the direction of said Hazlewood; his wages to be fixed after trial of said Nehill.

Capt. Will'm Richards ordered to supply John Christie, Commander of the Fire Brig Vesuvius, with the several Articles contained in his Indent.

Agreed with Jonathan Williams in Gloucester County, near the head of Timber Creek, for 30,000 feet of 2 Inch Pine Plank at Nine pounds ℔ Thousand, to be delived as speedily as possible at Billings Port, Gloucester or Philada., as he shall be directed by this Board.

Joseph Marsh is directed to rent the Wharf and Stores belonging to John Jones, for six Months for Fifty pounds.

Navy Board,
March 11*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Thos. Barclay, *C. M.*,
Wm. Bradford,
Paul Cox,
Rob't Ritchie,
Sam'l Massey,
Josep Marsh,
Joseph Blewer.

An Order on Wm. Webb, to Commodore Seymore, for £350.

It is determined that James McKnight be appointed 1st Lieutenant of the Fire Ship Strumbello.

An order on Wm. Richards, to William Brown, (Carpenter,) for the Use of the Gondalo Bull-dog. Vide Book B. Page 61.

Captain John Brice, of the Fire Sloop, to be removed to the Command of the Fire Brig Vulcano.

An Order on John M. Nesbitt, Esqr., to Wm. Webb, for Two Thousand five Hundred pounds, (£2,500.)

An Order on William Richards to Capt. Rice, for Sundries for the use of the Galley Convention, to pay her Bottom. Vide Book B, P. 5.

An Order on William Richards, for four Oars for the yawl kept by Tho's Marl, for taking care of the chain.

Navy Board,
March 12*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Tho's Barclay, *C. M.*,	Joseph Marsh,
Paul Cox,	Manuel Eyre,
Sam'l Massey,	Joseph Blewer,
Will'm Bradford,	Robt. Ritchie,
And'w Caldwell.	

An Order on William Richards to Captain Townshend, for Sundries for the Use of the Sloop Industry. Vide Book B, Page 99.

An order on William Richards to Gunning Bedford, (Carpenter,) for 100 ℔s Nails for the Use of the Fire Vessells.

An Order on William Richards to Capt. Griffith Jones, for Sundries for the use of the Fire Brig Strumbello. V. Book B. P. 103.

Orders on Wm. Richards to John Hazlewood, Esqr., vizt:

For Sloop Hetty, Henry Hoover, Comm'r. Vide Book B, Page 93.

For Sloop Defiance, Fred'k Bird, Comm'r. Vide B'k B, Page 91.

For Sloop Liberty, Geo. Vert, Comm'r. Vide Book B, Page 107.

Drew an Order on William Webb, fav'r Jacob Morgan, for £28 3 9, being the amo't of 1 Trs. Oyl, 74 Gallons.

State Navy Board,
March 13*th*. 1777.

PRESENT:

Tho's Barclay, *C. M.*,	Rob't Ritchie,
Joseph Blewer,	Will'm Bradford,
Sam'l Massey,	Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh,	Paul Cox.

Gave an Order on William Webb, favor Boyer Brooks, being Paym't for 25 Galley Sweeps & 39 Boat Oars, delivered Capt. Richards, £38 11 7.

Gave an Order on William Webb, favor Edw'd Pole, for Casting 20 Hand Leads, sent to Capt. Richards' Store, £3 0 9.

Delivered four Blankets to Capt. John Christie, of the Fire Brig Vesuvius, out of the Council's Store.

An Order on William Richards, to Capt. John M'Fetrich, of the Washington Gondalo, for 56 yards of Bed Sacking, to compleat 14 Beds for 28 Men.

Agreed with Arthur Donaldson to Superintend the Sinking of the Chevaux de Frizes. The Terms as follows:

He is to have the liberty of employing 12 Men to attend constantly; to call on the Commodore for as many more Hands as will be found useful; Mr. Donaldson to draw on The Commissary for as much provision and Rum as he finds absolutely necessary. His charge for some Liquor, and extra provisions for himself, to be left to this Board; to be paid Twenty-five Shillings ℔ day, for every day that he is actually employed; and to be entirely under the controul of This Board.

An Order on Wm. Webb to Benja. Crofts, for the Balance of his Bill for painting the Schooner Delaware, £19 15 3.

An Order on Wm. Webb to David Solomans, for 20 Barrels Tar delivered William Richards, £18.

Resolved, That a Copy of the resolution of the 1st Inst., as far as it relates to the appointment of Sam'l Massey and Paul Cox, for the purchase of such Articles as may be necessary for the outfit and supply of the Fleet, be sent to Captain Richards, and that He, when an appearance of a deficiency of any necessary article is likely to happen, be desired to inform this Board thereof, that the proper steps for a supply may be taken.

An order to John Read, Barrack Master at Fort Island, to deliver to Capt. Simmons, of the Arnold Battery, as many of the two Inch Plank belonging to this State, which are now at Fort Island, as will compleat the Fore Castle and Gang Way of said Battery.

This day the Supreme Executive Council of the Common Wealth of Pennsylvania, appointed Andrew Caldwell, Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre, Robert Ritchie, Paul Cox, Samuel Massey, William Bradford, Thomas Fitz Simmons,* Samuel Morris, Junr.,† & Thomas Barclay, Esqrs., as Navy Board for this State, and is as follows, Vizt:

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*Thomas Fitzsimmons, a native of Ireland, and a Roman Catholic, was born in the year 1741. He was an eminent merchant of Philadelphia, and warmly espousing the cause of America, he raised a volunteer company doing active service in the Revolution. He was a member of the Committee of Safety and of the Navy Board of Pennsylvania. In 1780, the firm of which he was a member, subscribed £5,000 to supply the army. In Oct., 1783, he was elected, in conjunction with Col. Samuel Miles, Censor, under the Constitution of 1776, whose duty it was to inquire into the workings of that instrument. He represented Philadelphia in the Assembly for several years, and in the Continental Congress in 1782-3. He was a delegate to the Convention which framed the Federal Constitution in 1787, taking a prominent part in the debates thereof, and a member of Congress from 1789 to 1795. He was president of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, and of the N. A. Ins. Co. He married a sister of George Meade. He died in Philadelphia August, 1811, aged seventy years—deeply lamented.

†Samuel Morris, jr., was born in Philadelphia, June 24, 1734, the son of Anthony and Sarah Powell Morris. He was the nephew of Samuel Morris, Sr., and cousin of Samuel Cadwalader Morris, who were at this time members of the Board of War. Prior to the Revolution he served repeatedly in the legislative department of the Province and city. When the War broke out, the "First Troop of Phil-

"*The Supreme Executive Council of the Common Wealth of Pennsylvania:*

To Andrew Caldwell. Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre, Robert Ritchie, Paul Cox, Samuel Massey, William Bradford, Thomas Fitz Simmons, Samuel Morris, Junr., and Thomas Barclay, Esquires, send Greeting:

WHEREAS, the Civil department of the Common Wealth requires great attention, and will for some time fully employ this Council to discharge the duties thereof; and as it is also of great importance that a due attention be still paid to the War which we are engaged in, And confiding in your Abilities and integrity, We do appoint you a NAVY BOARD, hereby giving to you, or any Three of you, full power and authority to do and perform all matters and things relating to the Navy of this State; Subject, nevertheless, to the directions and examination of this Council, from time to time, as We may judge expedient, and saving to ourselves, always, the power of appointing Officers agreeable to the Frame of Government of this Common Wealth. This Commission to continue in force untill revok'd by this or a future Supreme Executive Council.

Dated at Philadelphia, this thirteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven.

(Signed.) THO. WHARTON, Junr., *Pres't.*

Attest:

TY. MATLACK, *Sec'y.*"

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adelphia City Cavalry," Samuel Morris Captain, offered its services to the Government, serving through the campaign of 1776–7, taking an active part in the battles of Trenton and Princeton. In the latter engagement his brother Anthony, who was ensign of the Troop, was killed. In discharging the company in January, 1777, at Morristown, Gen. Washington expressed himself in warmest terms for their "noble example of discipline and subordination," as also for their "spirit and bravery which will ever do honor to them." The city Troop were frequently in service during the struggle for independence. It was composed of the flower of the City, gentlemen of fortune, many of them members of the "Gloucester Fox Hunting Club" and other kindred organizations. Captain Morris was elected "Governor of the State in Schuylkill," a celebrated Fishing Club founded in 1732, which position he held until his death. He was a man respected and endeared by his associates, "for the cheerfulness of his disposition, the benevolence of his heart, and the blandness and dignity of his manner." He received the appointment of member of the Navy Board while in service, which will account for his continued absence. He was a member of the Pennsylvania Assembly 1781–3. After the Revolution he entered into active business, firm of Meicker & Morris, Sugar refiners. Although disowned by the Society of Friends for his part in the Revolution, he continued, during life, their dress and language, worshipping regularly at their meeting. He died July 7, 1812.

State Navy Board,
March 14, 1777.

PRESENT:

Thomas Barclay, *C. M.*,	Paul Cox,
William Bradford,	Joseph Marsh,
Manuel Eyre,	Rob't Ritchie,
And'w Caldwell,	Thos. Fitz Simmons,
Joseph Blewer,	Sam'l Massey.

An Order on William Richards to supply Capt. Garland, of the Chatham Gondalo, with the Sundry Articles contained in his Indent.

An order on William Webb, fav'r Maurice Rogers, for 6 p's Linen sent to Will'm Richard's Store, £106 8 3.

Captain Hazlewood receiv'd Fifty Blankets out of the Council of Safety's Store, for the Use of the Arm'd Boats, for which he has given his receipt.

Resolved, That William Richards and Rob't Towers be requested to take Lists of all the Articles deliver'd to any person whatsoever by order of this Board, and return them to the Board, with Receipts from the persons to whom the Articles are delivered.

A Letter from Lodwick Sprogell, Commissary General of the Musters, being taken into consideration,

Resolved, That it is the duty of the said Commissary General of the Musters to attend the several Vessells of War belonging to this State, and to Muster the Men in the nearest convenient place to the Vessells, unless the Men should be in Barracks, in which case the Commissary is to attend at those places where the Men are quartered. That the Commissary should not pass any person whatever as an officer, untill a Commission or Warrant, or a Certificate of his appointment is produced to the Commissary.

That no person whatever, in the Naval Service of this State, shall, on any account, be discharged from the Service of the Publick, without an order from this Board.

That proper steps will be taken to compleat the Boys in their duty as Drummers and Fifers.

Resolved, That Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre, Joseph Blewer, Wm. Bradford, with Commodore Seymore and John Hazlewood, be appointed to go down the River on Sunday next, to fix on proper Stations for the Fire Rafts and Vessells, and report their opinion to this Board.

Mr. Hubley, from the Supreme Executive Council, having tendered to the Members of this Board the Oath or affirmation of allegiance, prescribed by the 40th Section of the Frame of Government form'd by the late Convention of this State, it was agreed to take the sense of the members on that subject, and, the question being put, there appeared—

For taking the Oath.	Against it.
Joseph Blewer.	And'w Caldwell, Jos. Marsh, Sam'l Massey, Paul Cox, Wm. Bradford, Rob't Ritchie, Manuel Eyre, Thos. Barclay, Thos. Fitz Simmons.

Whereupon,

Ordered, That a Copy of this Minute be sent to the Council with an address, expressive of the attachment of this Board to the Independance of America, and their readiness to serve this State on every occasion.

Upon motion made,

Resolved, That Thos. Barclay, Thomas Fitz Simmons and Robert Ritchie, be appointed to write a letter to the President and Supreme Executive Council, respecting the Oath tendered to them by Mr. Hubley.*

State Navy Board,
March 15th, 1777.

PRESENT:

And'w Caldwell, *C. M.*,	Tho's Barclay,
Samuel Massey,	Manuel Eyre,
Tho's Fitz Simmons,	Paul Cox,
Will'm Bradford,	Rob't Ritchie,
Joseph Marsh,	Joseph Blewer.

An Order on William Richards to Hugh Montgomery, of the Effingham, for 48 yds. Bedsacking.

An Order on Will'm Richards to Capt. Simmons, of the Arnold Battery, for 24 yds. Bedsack'g, & 3 ℔ Thrums.

An Order on John Hazlewood, Esq., to Capt. Simmons, of the Arnold Battery, for 1 bbl. Pitch & 6 Blankets.

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*Section Forty, of the Constitution of 1776, required, of all officers, Judicial, Executive or Military, in authority under the Commonwealth, an oath or affirmation of allegiance containing the following clause: "And that I will not, directly or indirectly, do any act or thing prejudicial or injurious to the Constitution or Government thereof, as established by the Convention." Sec. 47 specified the mode of alteration of the Constitution at a distant day, exclusive, of course of all other modes of alteration. Many persons refused to take the oath of allegiance, because they were of opinion if they did so, it would preclude their advocating a more adequate and earlier method of improving what was right in the Constitution, and amending what was wrong. Gen. Joseph Reed, who was appointed Chief Justice on the 20th of March, 1777, declined the office for this reason. (Read, life of Read, vol. 1., page 302.) In 1778, the Assembly unanimously resolved that its members might take the oath with a reservation of the right to procure amendments, and a large number so took the oath. The Council of Censors, however, in 1783, pronounced this an infringement of the Constitution.

An Order on William Webb for £28, fav'r Martin Delany, for keeping a Man & Horse at Cantwell's Bridge, to forward expresses to Wilmington, 8 mo. @ 70/1, by an agreement by Capt. Faulkner in writing, and exhibited to this Board.

An Order on Robert Towers & William Richards, for the Sundry articles thought necessary to compleat the Putnam Battery.

Martin Delany be requested to continue in the business of an Express from Apoquimany* as formerly, to commence from the 14th Inst.

Mr. Marsh is requested to order a proper Boat for the Fire Ship Strumbello, and One for the Brig Vulcano, to be built immediately.

Resolved, That Mr. Ritchie & Mr. Fitz Simmons be appointed to wait on the President and Supreme Executive Council with the Minutes of the proceedings of yesterday, respecting the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance tendered to this Board by Mr. Hubley, and with a Letter as follows, which was Signed by all the Members, (except Sam'l Morris, Junr., Esqr., who is not in town,) and to report to this Board what answer They receive :

To the Hon'be Supreme Executive Council of the Common Wealth of Pennsylvania:

GENTLEMEN:—By the Minutes of this Board, which we have the honor to inclose, you will perceive that Nine of the Members present have resolved not to take the Oath or Affirmation of allegiance tendered to them by a member of your honorable Board. We do not apprehend that the reasons on which our dissent are founded is expected; but we think it necessary to make known to your Honors, that we are willing and ready to take an oath of allegiance to the United States, as well as the Oath of Office; And that we are extreamly desirous of rendering every service in our power to this State, in any capacity in which we can be useful.

We are, with great respect, Gentl'n,

Your Most Obt. Hum. Serv'ts.

Mr. Ritchie & Mr. Fitz Simmons report that they deliver'd into the Hands of the Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council, the Minutes and papers as directed by this Board, and were told by the Vice President that the Council would sit again on Tuesday, when they would consider the Navy Board's Letter, and in the mean time desired the Board to proceed in the business.

The Certificate from the Continental Navy Board respecting two Smiths wanting for the work of the Frigates, being considered,

Ordered, That if that Board will be forthcoming for the Men's attendance on board their respective Boats, They be spared to Daniel Offley untill call'd for. (N. B. The Men's names are Isaac Tumbin, of the Frankling, and Christopher Tafe, of the Arm'd Boat Brimstone.)

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*Apoquimany or Apoquiniminck, a small creek in Delaware, South of New Castle.

State Navy Board,

March 17th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Tho's Barclay, *C. M.*,	Joseph Blewer,
Will'm Bradford,	Sam'l Massey,
Manuel Eyre,	Rob't Ritchie,
Paul Cox,	Joseph Marsh,

Tho's Fitzsimmons.

An order on William Webb to Stacy Hepburn, for 120 lbs. Thrums, sent to the Provincial Store, 3/, £15 6.

An order on Wm. Richards to Jacob Myers, for 2 Gall's Sw't Oil.

An Order on Henry Dougherty, Esqr., to Capt. Rice, of the Convention Galley, for 10 Tons Pig Iron, or as much as will be necessary for balasting her, out of his Ship.

An order on William Richards for 2 lbs. pump Leather, for the Fire Brig Vulcano.

An order on William Webb to John Huddle, for the amo't of 4,743 feet Pine Board, for the use of the Fire Ships, £33 4 6.

Obtained an Order from William Moore, Esqr., *C. M.*, of the Pennsylvania War Office, for 14 Three and Four Pounders, and Capt. Blewer is directed to take charge of them, and report how they are disposed of.

An order on Mr. Towers and Mr. Richards to furnish Capt. Simmons with the several articles contain'd in his Indent.

An Order to John Hazlewood to desire him to direct Capts. Bird, Hoover & Wade to attend to-morrow morning at Market Street Wharf, with their Vessells, to take down the Men and entrenching Tools ordered to Billings Port.

The Committee appointed by this Board to go down the River to fix on proper Stations for the Fire Rafts and Vessells, Report: That they have made the proper examinations, and are of opinion that the best places or Stations to fix the Several Chains of the Fire Rafts, are as follows:

Part in Darby Creek.*

Part in Mantua Creek.

Part in Schuylkill River.

And that the Fire Vessells should be placed between the Chevaux de Frize and Woodbury Creek, in the Jersey Channell.

The Committee also reports, as their opinion, that a four Gun Battery at Derby Creek is necessary for the defence of the Fire Rafts in case of an attack, and that a Flanking Wing should be added at Fort Island.

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* Darby creek, a fine mill stream in Delaware county, emptying into Delaware river, nearly opposite the lower end of Little Tinicum Island.

State Navy Board,

March 18*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

And'w Caldwell, *C. M.*,	Tho's Fitz Simmons,
Will'm Bradford,	Joseph Marsh,
Manuel Eyre,	Rob't Ritchie,
Joseph Blewer,	Tho's Barclay,
Sam'l Massey,	Paul Cox.

John Tittermary ordered to make two Tow Lines of 6 Inches, 100 fathom each.

An Order on William Webb to John Webb, for Liquors to recruiting Officers, £25 13 9.

Capt. Cox requested to purchase a p'r 4 pounders, of Sam'l Young, on the best Terms he can.

Philip Wert delivered into Capt. Richards' Store 42 Barrells Beef & receipt.

An Order on William Webb to Samuel Massey, for Sundries purchased by him & delivered into Captain Richards' Store, £139 1 8.

An Order on William Webb to Mrs. Richmon, for 1,726½ lbs. Tallow, bo't @ 13d., and sent to Capt. Richards' Store, £93 10 4.

An order on William Richards, to supply Capt. John Brice, of the Fire Brig Vulcano, with sundry Articles contained in his Indent.

Captain Griffith Jones ordered to deliver to Capt. Brown, of the Putnam Battery, an Anchor of 1,000 or 1,100 weight.

State Navy Board,

March 19*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Tho's Barclay, *C. M.*,	Joseph Blewer,
Tho's Fitz Simmons,	Joseph Marsh,
Manuel Eyre,	Sam'l Massey,
Robert Ritchie,	Paul Cox,

Will'm Bradford.

An Order on William Webb, to Benjamin Betterton, for 30 Ironbound Buckets, 30 Ironbound Messkidds, & 6 Ironbound Funnells, sent to the Provincial Store, £23 11.

An order on William Richards, to deliver to John Annis such sails as will be necessary for the Fire Ship and Brig.

An Order on William Webb, to Michael Trislar, for sundries Bought of him and sent to Wm. Richards' Store, £5 13.

An Order to Capt. Wade to attend John McCulloch, with his Flat, to carry Scantling to Billings Port.

State Navy Board,

March 20th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Tho's Barclay, *C. M.*,	Joseph Blewer,
Will'm Bradford,	Joseph Marsh,
Rob't Ritchie,	Tho's Fitz Simmons,
Sam'l Massey,	Paul Cox.

Upon motion made,

Resolved, That Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Fitz Simmons be appointed to wait on the Supreme Executive Council, to inform them of some difficulties that have occurred to the Members of this Board, in the execution of their Office; and that the Council be requested to favor this Board with an answer to the Letter wrote to them by the Board the 15th Instant.

State Navy Board,

March 21st, 1777.

PRESENT:

Will'm Bradford, *C. M.*,	Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre,	Robert Ritchie,
Joseph Marsh,	Tho's Fitz Simmons,
Paul Cox,	Sam'l Massey.

An order on Capt. John Wade to attend Robt. Allison to carry down a load of Boards and Shingles to Fort Island.

An order on John M. Nesbitt, Esqr., to William Webb, for Five Thousand Pounds, £5,000.

An order on William Richards to Dr. Dunlap, for 1 Box Candles and 1 Box Soap, for the use of the Hospital.

An order on William Webb to Sam'l Massey, for seventeen hundred & fifty Pounds, £1,750.

An order on William Webb to Paul Cox, for eleven Hundred & five pounds, £1,105.

An order to Henry Dougherty, of the Ship Montgomery, to deliver to Col. Bull the Six Oar'd Barge belonging to his Ship.

An order on Wm. Webb to Jesper Carpenter, for burying seven Men, £8 15.

The following Minute was sent to the Supreme Executive Council:

The late Council of Safety, by a resolve of the 17th Feb'y, directed the Armed Schooner Delaware, commanded by Capt. Eyre, to be immediately fitted out, and to proceed to Tom's River for the protection of the Salt Works there, and that business being recommended to this Board to execute, they have accordingly got the Vessell in readiness, and waits the orders of the Council.

Received the following Letter from the President:

"GENTLEMEN:—The Council, taking into consideration your resolve respecting the Oath mentioned in the 40th section of the Frame of Government, are now fully of opinion that the said Section does not require you, in your present capacity, to take such oath, notwithstanding any Resolve heretofore made by them. The Oath of Office, however, they think necessary should be taken.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, Your very Humble Serv't,
(Signed.) THO. WHARTON, Junr., *Presid't.*"

An order on William Webb to Sam'l Rhoads, for Sundries Bo't of him and sent into Wm. Richard's Store, £16 6.

An order on William Webb to Abr'm Smith, for Hickory Brooms sent to Wm. Richards Store, £3 15.

A Certificate given Capt. Thos. Townshend, of the Sloop Industry, to William Crispin, Commissary, to supply him with the usual Rations, and for 78 Rations in arrears due to him and three Men to this date.

Mr. Marsh and Capt. Blewer are appointed to enquire what goods belonging to this State are on Mr. Donaldson's wharf, and to have them removed to Jones' Wharf.

The following agreements are made by Mr. Marsh and Mr. Eyre, with the following persons for Guard Boats:

Hill & Merrit	for 2	Boats, at 40/ ℔ foot.	}	Contract made by Mr.
Dunn & Hale,	1	do. do.	}	Marsh, the oars extra.
Boyer Brooks,	2	do. do.	}	Contract made by Mr. Eyre, the oars extra.
John Cole,	1	do. do.		
Williams & Clinton,	1	do. do.		

State Navy Board,
March 22*d*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Will'm Bradford, *C. M.*,	Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer,	Sam'l Massey,
Rob't Ritchie,	Joseph Marsh,
Tho's Fitz Simmons,	Paul Cox.

An Order on William Richards to supply Capt. John Rice with sundry articles of rigging, &ca.

Resolved, That Mr. William Webb, paymaster, be directed to lay before this Board a State of his Accounts on the last Saturday of every Month, in order that a settlement may be made with him Monthly.

An order on William Webb to Arthur Donaldson, for six hundred pounds on acco't, £600.

An order on Wm. Richards to supply Martin Virt, of the Sloop Sally, with sundry articles.

An order to Capt. Jeremiah Simmons, to send up the Sails belonging to the Arnold Battery, to John Annis, for which Simmons is to take his receipt.

An order on William Webb to Will'm Robinson, for work done on board the Sloop Sally, £1 12.

Resolved, That no Officer in the Marine Service of this State, shall, while in this River, take up or buy any kind of materials or stores, or shall make any repairs or alteration in his Vessel without an order from this Board, and that all returns for necessaries wanting for any of the Vessells be examined and Signed by the Captain.

The above resolve is sent to the Commodore, and desire to furnish all the Captains of the Fleet with a Copy of it.

An order on Wm. Richards to George Virt, of the Sloop Liberty, to supply him with sundry articles.

The following instructions were sent to Arthur Donaldson :

This Board having appointed you to superintend the Sinking of the Chevanx de Frizes in this river, you are desired immediately to provide 12 Men for that Service, and you are authorized to agree with them for such pay and provision as the nature of the service requires. There are many materials belonging to that department which you are to collect, and make returns to this Board of what further may be necessary.

You are likewise to contract for, and provide in convenient places, such a quantity of stone as you may judge sufficient for sinking the Chevaux de Frizes, and the sooner this can be done the better.

For the sake of regularity, we think it necessary for you to employ a person to act in the capacity of Steward and Clerk, (the wages allowed is 14 dollars ℔ month,) who shall give receipts for all the provisions he receives, shall superintend the delivery of them and keep lists of the men employed, which lists are to be returned to this Board.

At all times, when it can be done without inconvenience, we would have you apply to the Commissary of this State for Provisions and Rum, but when that cannot be done, you are at Liberty to provide them yourself, and at all times to allow such quantity as the Nature of your service requires.

Proper Vessells will be provided for you, and the Commanding Officer of the Fleet directed to assist you with any reasonable number of Men you may want.

The Board will direct the places where the Chevaux de Frizes are to be sunk, and whenever any difficulty occurs in the execution of your duty, will always be ready to give you their assistance.

As we consider this service of very great importance to the State, we recommend it to you to pay particular attention to the duties of

it, and to lose no time in providing those things that are necessary for the undertaking.

An Order on Wm. Richards to Isaac Roach, for Sundry Articles for the use of the Congress Galley.

An Order on Wm. Webb to Tho's Town, for 1,093 feet Pine Boards dl'd Gunning Bedford for the use of the Fire Vessells, £12 1 3.

State Navy Board,
March 24th, 1777.

PRESENT:

And'w Caldwell, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer, Sam'l Massey,
Robert Ritchie, Paul Cox,
Will'm Bradford, Tho's Fitz Simmons,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on Wm. Richards, for a Coil of Spun yarn for the use of the Ship Montgomery.

An Order on Mr. Richards and Mr. Towers, to supply Capt. Roach, of the Congress Gondalo, with the sundry Articles contained in the list to compleat her outfit.

An order on Mr. Richards and Mr. Towers, to supply Capt. James Brown, of the Guard Boat Tormentor, with a compleat list of Stores, as she is a new Boat.

A certificate to Capt. Wade, of the State Sloop, for 62 Rations arrears, and to supply him and two hands with Usual Rations from this date.

An order to Mr. Richards and Mr. Towers, to supply the Guard Boat Fame, Capt. Thos. Hazlewood, and the Guard Boat Brimstone, Capt. Watkins, with the Sundry Articles contained in their Indent.

An Order on Wm. Dawson, to supply Jacob Meyers with a p'r Bellows, and to Capt. Richards for 5 Ct. Rod Iron.

An order to Capt. Hardy, to spare to Capt. Hazlewood Two of his Blunderbusses.

An order on Capt. Richards to Capt. Hazlewood, for 3 doz. Brooms & 1 Rheam whited Crown paper.

Capt. John Hazlewood directed to apply to Jas. Pearson for 20 Iron Chambers.

An order to Capt. Townshend, of the Sloop Industry, to go down immediately to get a load of Reeds for the Use of the Fire Vessells.

An order on Mr. Richards and Mr. Towers, to supply Capt. Hanse, of the Guard Boat Vulture, with the sundry articles contained in his Indent.

Resolved, That Sam'l Massey, Joseph Blewer & Paul Cox, be a Committee from this Board to attend the fitting out the Armed Vessels now in this Port, and that they have authority to give orders for such materials as they find necessary to compleat the said vessells.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Board that an application be made to the Supreme Executive Council of this State, to lay an embargo on this Port; and that Mr. Richie and Mr. Fitz Simmons do apply to the members of the Continental Navy Board to Join us in a request to the Council for that purpose.

An order on Wm. Richards to Philip Wirt, to supply him with sundry articles for the Schooner Lydia.

An order on William Webb to Joseph Rhoads, for 1,650 feet Scantling & 940 feet of Laths, for the use of Fort Island delivered to Robert Allison, £12 14 9.

Capt. Thos. Moore, of the Hancock Gondalo, directed to deliver up to Capt. Wilkinson, of the Artilery, a man belonging to him, upon his returning the bounty and charges.

Robt. Towers was this day furnish'd with a list of the shott and powder to be put on board the Amunition Sloop Sally, Martin Wirt, Master, for the 13 Galleys, and directed to be immediately put on board. The Cartriges for each Vessell to be put in Boxes, and the Vessell's name marked on them with the w't of metal.

An order to Wm. Richards and Robt. Towers, to supply Capt. Henderson of the Dickinson Gondalo, with such articles as are contained in his Indent.

An order on Wm. Webb to Benja. Davis for £2 7, for work done to the following Vessels, Vizt:

Effingham, Drum, &ca., - - - - - - - -	£1 7 0
Franklin, do. - - - - - - - -	1 0 0
	£2 7 0

State Navy Board,

March 25th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Will'm Bradford, *C. M.*,	Rob't Ritchie,
Sam'l Massey,	Thos. Fitz Simmons,
Paul Cox,	Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer,	Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to Sam'l Corry, for rigging the Sloop Industry, Capt. Townshend, £1 10.

An order on William Richards to Capt. Jas. Brown, of the Guard Boat Tormentor, for 24 yds. Bedsacking.

An order on William Richards to Capt. Christie, of the Fire Brig Vesuvius, for 24 yards Bedsacking.

An order on Rob't Towers to Capt. Christie, of the Fire Brig Vesuvius, for small arms, &ca., & 2 Blunderbusses.

An order on Wm. Richards and Rob't Towers, to supply Capt. Hardie with the sundry articles contained in his Indent, they can furnish.

An order on Wm. Richards to supply Capt. Hoover, of the accommodation Sloop Hetty, with the sundry articles contained in his Indent.

Delivered to Abr'm Mason, for the use of the Convention Galley, the following Sail Cloth:

	yds.
7 p's Canvas, No. 3, - - - - - - - - -	279¾
4 p's do. No. 7, - - - - - - - - -	155½
	435¼
2 p's Osnaburgs, - - - - - - - - - -	252

An order on Mr. Richards and Mr. Towers, to supply Capt. Tatnal with the sundry articles in his Indent, they can furnish.

An order on Mr. Richards and Mr. Towers, to supply Capt. Benja. Rue with the sundry articles in his Indent.

An order on Wm. Richards to Capt. Jones, of the Strumbello, for sundry Coils, Rigging, but to deliver old where it will answer in the place of new.

An order on Wm. Richards, to supply Mr. Arthur Donaldson with sundry articles, for the purpose of sinking Chevaux de Frizes, & for his own accommodation.

An order on Mr. Towers, to Exchange with Capt. Hardie one Swivell and two Muskets.

An order on William Webb to Tho's Casdrop, for one hundred pounds on acco't of repair'g Galleys, £100.

An order on Wm. Webb to Capt. John Brice, for the expences in discharging the Fire Brig Vulcano, £11 4 3.

An order on William Webb to Litle & Heston, for 631 ℔s. Nails, 2/6, £78 17 6.

Delivered Capt. Hardie, of the Guard Boat Terror, Four Blankets and 30 yards Bedsacking.

State Navy Board,
March 26th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Wm. Bradford, *C. M.*,
Tho's Fitz Simmons,
Manuel Eyre,
Sam'l Massey,
Joseph Blewer,
Paul Cox,
Rob't Ritchie.

An order on Rob't Towers to Capt. Cowplan, for 2 Swivels.

An order on William Webb to Tho's Virgin, for caulking and Serving Mallat, £5 10.

An Order on William Webb to Wm. Woodhouse, for Sundry Small articles supply'd the Galleys ℔ acco't, £6 1 3.

An order on William Webb to And'w Beck, as door-keeper from 11 March to 24th Inst., is 13 days @ 7/6, £4 17 6.

An order on William Webb to David Thompson, for wharfage and work done ℔ account, - - - - - - - - £59 19 6

Wharfage for the Fire Vessels, - - - - -	£30	
Work done for Brig Vesuvius, - - - - - -	22 9 6	
Ditto, for Sloop Ætna, - - - - - -	5 12	
Accommodation Sloop Hetty, - - - - - -	1 18	
	———	59 19 6

An Order on William Webb to William Woodhouse, Bought September last and sent to William Richard's Store, £4 12.

An order on William Webb to Capt. William Davis, for a Set of Careenin Blocks deliver'd Author Donaldson, £7 10.

Captains Joseph Blewer & William Davis are appointed to go down the River to examine into the State of the signals, and to see the Persons employed attend faithfully to their Duty, and if necessary to remove any, Mr. Blewer shall appoint other Persons in their places, and take any other steps proper for executing that service with care and attention.

An order to Mr. William Richards & Mr. Robert Towers, to supply Capt. Murphy with such articles in his Indent they can furnish.

Resolved, That this board will represent to the Supreme Executive Council the present State of the Armed Vessells belonging to this State, and we recommend to their consideration the consequence of the Works executing at Billings Port.

An order on Mr. Crispin to supply Mr. Coburn with what Rum he may judge necessary for the use of the People in raising the State Ship.

James Craig is appointed to the Sloop Hetty, in the room of Hoover, who is discharg'd for misconduct, when he was sent down to Billings Port.

An order to David Potts, to deliver to Jacob Meyer One Ton Bar Iron.

An order on William Richards, to supply John Coburn with what he may want from his Store, for the purpose of raising the State Ship. And wrote a Letter to Mr. Coburn to procure whatever else he may want, and the Board would pay for the same.

State Navy Board,
March 27th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Samuel Massey,
Robert Ritchie, Thomas Fitz Simons,
Joseph Marsh.

An order on Mr. Richards and Mr. Towers, to supply Capt. Boys with the Sundry Articles in his Indent, which they can furnish.

An order on Daniel Dawson, to deliver a pair Smith's Bellows to Jacob Myer.

Deliver'd Capt. John Hazlewood thirty Blankets and Twelve Yards Tow Linnen for the use of the Vessells in his department, for which he is to take the different Captains' Receipts.

An order on William Richards to Capt. Huston, for 1 Barrel Tar, 30 wt. Tallow & 2 Brooms; and also an order on Capt. Hazlewood for 1 Barrel Pitch.

An order on John M. Nesbitt to Wm. Webb, for Three Thousand Pounds, £3,000.

Agreed with Jacob Grantham for Twelve pounds ℔ month as Clerk to John Hazlewood's department, and to take charge of the Wharf and Stores hired of John Jones, and to return to this Board an Inventory of what he finds in said Stores.

An order on William Webb to Joseph Blewer, for Sixteen Bushells Salt, deliver'd to Wm. Pritchard, at Mr. Richard's Store, @ 22/6, - - - - - - - - - - - - £18 0 0
and Three Dollars for Books and Quills included in said order, 1 2 6

£19 2 6

An order on William Webb to Isaac Lort, for Twenty-four Flesh Forks, deliver'd into William Richard's Store, £3.

An order on William Richards to Gunning Bedford, to supply him with such articles as he may want for the Fire Vessells.

An Order on William Webb to Dan'l Dawson, for 1 pair Smith's Bellows, deliver'd to Jacob Myers, £15.

The following was handed this day from the Supreme Council:

"In Council,
Thursday, March 27th, 1777.

The State Navy Board are hereby authorised to give such orders to Captain Eyre as they may judge necessary for the protection of the Salt Works at Tom's River.

THO. WHARTON, Ju'r., *Pres't.*"

The following Letter was sent this day:

To The Honorable Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

GENTLEMEN:—Fully impressed with the weight of business that, in the Commencement of your office, must have been thrown upon

you, & desireous to render what service we could to our country, we have not waited for any instructions respecting the duties of this Board, but have, as well as in our power, gone through the business that has come before us. Many things, however, has occurr'd which we think it our duty to lay before you, & we hope you will, with your first convenience, take them into your Consideration, & give us such advice & instructions respecting them as to you shall seem proper.

One of our first duties was to enquire into the state of the Vessells & boats belonging to this Commonwealth, which we are sorry to inform your honors is not in the good condition we cou'd wish, most of them requiring repairs or alteration, & many of them shamefully deficient in their Complement of men; from the enquiry's we have made into the reasons of those deficiencies, it appears to us that some part might have been remedied, had the officers exerted themselves as they ought, but that, at this time, it will be very difficult, if not impossible, to get them manned without your interposition, for it cannot be expected that men will enlist themselves in this service at the wages allow'd by the State, when Seamen, in the Merchants' service, can get from 15 to £18 ℔ month, & Landsmen 10 to £12. We wou'd, therefore, recommend to your most serious Consideration whether it wou'd not be for the Publick good to lay an embargo, to prevent any Vessells Sailing from this port for a few days, or until the Armed Vessels, intended for the service of the State, can be put into a better Condition.

With due submission to your better judgment, we apprehend a measure of this kind wou'd have many good advantages as well to the General Cause, as to this State in particular.

The late Council of Safety, of this State, appointed John Hazlewood, Esqr., Commander-in-Chief of the fire Vessells, boats, & rafts, belonging to the State, subject, however, to the Commodore of the fleet for the time being. Capt. Hazlewood has lately inform'd us that though he is heartily dispos'd to render every service in his power to this State, he does not chuse to continue subject to the orders of the present Commodore of the fleet, or any of the Captains who, in case of accident, may succeed him; but if it should be thought consistent, wou'd wish to have the entire direction of that part of the Armament; how far his desire ought to be comply'd with, we submit to you, but we think it of great importance that it should be immediately determined, and in justice to Capt. Hazlewood, we must say he appears to have great merit in his department.

There are at present some officers wanting in the fleet; we should be glad to know whether any recommendations for such appointments is expected from us, & whether the Warrant Officers are to be appointed by the Council.

Some accounts have been bronght to us, and more we expect may, of services perform'd or Contracts made, previous to our appointment. We are apprehensive a great loss may arise to the State if the Settlement of such accounts are thrown upon us, who are totally unacquainted with the transactions, and have no books or documents of the Council to refer to. On that account we conceive it would be more eligible to appoint a Committee for the purpose of Settling all accounts previous to our appointment.

We find there is a great number of men at present employ'd in throwing up works at Billings Port, which we should not presume to take notice of, but as we think it will very materially affect the defences prepar'd for this river. As far as we have been able to learn, those works were meant to be upon so extensive a plan that it will be impossible to compleat them in time for this Season.

The Military People say, if the whole was compleat, the post is not tenable. We pretend to no judgment in these matters, but as we know this business is much talk'd of, we beg leave to recommend it to your consideration, whether any temporary works, erected there, could not be as easily turn'd to the annoyance of your Vessells, and if so, whether it should not be discontinued.

These things we have thought it our duty to represent to you, & we conceive this mode will take up less of your time than any other. We shall hope for such directions, in consequence, as you may think proper. And are, with great respect.

By Order of the Board.

Agreed with Ebenezer Massey to attend as Clerk to this Board. and to be paid at the rate of Twelve Shillings & Six Pence ℔ day.

Cornel's Sweers having desir'd leave to resign his employment as Clerk to this Board. His resignation was accordingly accepted of.

State Navy Board,
March 28th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Blewer,
Thomas Fitz Simons, Joseph Marsh,
Rob't Ritchie, Paul Cox,
Samuel Massey.

Deliver'd to Alexander Henderson, of the Dickinson, Eighty Yards Sacking, for the use of his People.

An order on William Webb to William Finlay, for Building a Camboose on board the Dickinson Galley, Two Pounds, £2.

An Order to the Commanding Officer at Fort Island to Stop Vessells coming up with wood for the supply of the Garrison, and to pay for the Wood at the same rate it sells here.

An Order on William Webb to David Potts, for One Ton Bar Iron deliver'd to Jacob Myer at Fort Island, £55.

An Order on John Hazlewood to Capt. Mitchell, for One Barrel Pitch.

An Order to John Britton not to deliver any of the Stuff under his care, without an Order from this Board.

An Order to Philip Wert to attend at Chestnut Street Wharf, to Carry down a Number of Men and Provisions to Billings Port.

An Order to Mr. Richards & Mr. Towers, to supply Capt. Potts with the sundry Articles in his Indent, they can furnish.

A Letter from the Supreme Council was received, requiring a Conference with as many Members as can conveniently attend in the Council Chamber, at 7 o'clock this Evening.

Resolved, That the Members do attend accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to Maffet & Seeds, for One Hundred and fifty-Eight pounds 15/2, £158 15 2.

State Navy Board,

March 29th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,	Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre,	Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh,	Thomas Fitz Simons,
Robert Ritchie,	Joseph Blewer.

An Order on William Richards, to Martin Wert, to Supply him with the Sundry Articles in his Indent, he can furnish.

An order on William Webb to John Smith, Three Hundred pounds on Account, £300.

An order on William Richards to Captain Christie, of the Fire Brig Vesuvius, for 2 Iron Potts.

Doctor McHenry was discharg'd from his Service, agreeable to his own application.

Commodore Hazlewood having represented to this Board that it will be necessary to erect a Battery at or near Darby Creek's mouth, for the protection of Fire Boats & Rafts.

Ordered, That Commodore Hazlewood be directed to Erect such a Fortification as he thinks necessary, and that this board will defray the Expense attending that service, and provide Guns and Stores.

An Order to William Richards, to Arthur Donaldson, for a Barrel of Beef and a Barrel of Pork.

Deliver'd Daniel Murphy Twenty-four yards Bed Sacking, for the use of the Armed Boat Eagle.

State Navy Board,
March 31, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, Thomas Fitz Simons,
Samuel Massey, Joseph Marsh.

Capt. Garland, of the Chatham Gondalo, having apply'd for Liberty to go down with his Vessell to Christine to recruit,

Resolved, That Commodore Seymore be desir'd to give him permission accordingly for one week.

Capt. Blair having attended, agreeable to order, it was recommended to him to employ one of his Officers and a Drummer, Fifer or Boatswain, immediately to recruit.

An Order on William Webb, in favor of James Stewart, for Twenty-five Pounds five Shill's, for 11 Cords Wood purchased by John Hazlewood for Ballasting the Ship Strumbulo, £25 5.

State Navy Board,
April 1*st*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Manuel Eyre, Thomas Fitz Simons,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order to J. Grantham, to deliver 1,500 feet pine boards for building a House at Bomb Bay Hook, for the person who has the Care of the Signals.

An Order to Capt. Richards to furnish Nails for the above purpose.

An Order on William Webb, in favor of Griffith Jones, for work done on board the Strumbelo, £10 11 3.

An Order to Robert Fitz Gerald, to deliver Capt. Brown 180 Bottoms for Grape Shot, and what Blocks he wants.

That Capt. Brown be permitted to Grant a Furlow for 14 days to Timothy Carby and John Willard.

An Order to William Richards to deliver bolt Rope and Twine to Abraham Mason, Sufficient to make Captain Rice's Sails.

Deliver'd to Capt. Tatnall, of the Armed Boat Porcupine, 24 yards Sacking.

An Order on William Webb to Abraham Mason, for Three pounds six Shillings, for his Account against the Delaware & Washington Galleys, £3 6.

An Order to William Richards, to Supply Capt. Montgomery with Six Scanes Marline and One pound of whipping twine, for the use of the Effingham Galley.

An Order to William Richards, to supply Capt. Frederick Bird, of the Sloop Defiance, with the Sundry Articles in his Indent he can furnish.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Nagle, for Two pounds Ten Shillings & Nine pence, for 1 Keg Spirits Turpentine Containing 10 Gallons, @ 4/6 ℔ Gll'n, Keg & porterage 5/9 put in the State Store. £2 10 9.

Deliver'd to Capt. Rue, of the Armed Boat Fire Brand, Twenty-four yards Sacking.

Resolved, That this Board will recommend to the Executive Council proper persons to be appointed to the vacancies now in the fleet, and that Commodore Seymore furnish each Captain with a Copy of this resolve, that if any persons under them chuse to apply, they may do it immediately.

Resolved, That Commodore Seymore be desir'd to return to this Board, to-morrow, a List of all the officers under his Command, and the dates of their respective Commissions.

Directions to Robbins, Dunn & Co., to furnish this Board with their account for building the Convention Galley by the 4th Inst.

An order on William Webb to Buckley, Simmons & Collings, for £16 2 6.

Order'd, That William Webb, Treasurer, be directed to produce to this board the monthly pay roles at the same time with his account.

Order'd, That the Staves belonging to this State, now lying on Jones's Wharf, be sold by Publick Vendue, on Saturday next, and that Mr. Bradford Advertise them accordingly.

An order on William Webb to Isaac Eley, for one pound seventeen shillings & 6d., £1 17 6.

State Navy Board,

April 2d, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre, Thomas Fitz Simons,
Samuel Massey, Joseph Marsh,
Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Marle, for One Hundred & Three pounds Eighteen Shillings, £103 18.

An Order on William Webb to William Drewry, for Sixty-three pounds & Six pence, £63 0 6.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Meyer, for his Month's pay due the 1 Inst., £9.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Myer, for Twenty-three pounds nineteen Shillings & Eight pence, for payment of sundry people employ'd by him, £23 19 8.

An Order on William Webb to Ann Cox, for Three pounds seven Shillings & 6d., £3 7 6.

An Order on William Webb to Richard Wells, for Thirty-seven pounds ten Shillings, for one month's Hire of his Boat, himself & two Boys, £37 10.

Directions to James Buddon, to deliver to Thomas Marle a new boat which he took from John Williams's Wharfe.

An Order on William Webb to Cornelius Sweers. for £11 7 6.

Capt. Jeremiah Simmons having apply'd to know where he shou'd pay Fifty-seven pounds, fifteen shillings & nine pence, for Cloathing & Stoppages in his hands.

Order'd, That he pay it to the Treasurer for

Cloaths, - - - - - - - - - - -	£36 16 5
Stoppages - - - - - - - - - - -	20 19 4
	£57 15 9

An Order on William Webb to William Cox, for Twelve pounds ten shillings, for 20 days flat hire, £12 10.

An Order to William Richards & Robert Towers, to supply Capt. Moore of the Hancock; to supply Capt. McFatrick with his Indent.

A Petition from James KirkPatrick, praying to be made 1st Lieutenant of the Effingham Gondalo, and on consideration, Resolved to recommend him for that station.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Town, for ninety pounds 13/ for Boards, £90 13.

It being recommended to this Board to take under their direction, the throwing a temporary bridge over Schuylkill,

Order'd, That Thomas Casdorp and Thomas Davis be employ'd to build such a bridge.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Casdrop & Tho's Davis, for three hundred pounds, to purchase logs & materials for the Bridge over Schuylkill, £300.

An Order to Robert Towers, to put on board the Schooner Lydia, Capt. Wert, at Chesnut Street Wharfe, Sixty three pound cartridges.

Order'd, That Instructions be wrote for Capt's Simmons & Davis, respecting the inspection of the Alarm Posts.

An Order on John M. Nesbitt, to William Webb, for Five Thousand pounds, £5,000.

Directions to Daniel Murphy, Commander of the Eagle Guard Boat, to attend Capt. Simmons in visiting the Alarm Post.

Commodore Seymore is directed to order Capt. Brown, of the Putnam Battery, to hold himself in readiness to proceed down the river on Sunday next.

Mr. Marsh is desir'd to accompany Capt. Hazlewood to Derby Creek to-morrow, to fix upon a proper place for a Battery.

State Navy Board,

April 3d, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*	Thomas Fitz Simons,
Manuel Eyre,	Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer,	Samuel Massey.

Order'd That Daniel Murphy, Commander of the Eagle, do attend, with his boat and men, on Captains Simmons and Allen, who are appointed to visit the alarm posts down the Bay and River Delaware.

The following letter was sent to Commodore Seymore:

SIR:—You are requested to order all the officers belonging to the Naval Service of this State, whose Vessells or boats are now down the River, to repair on board their respective Vessells immediately, (except those who are employed in the recruiting service,) and that none of them leave their stations without your permission.

State Navy Board,

April 4th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,	Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre,	Joseph Marsh,
Sam'l Massey,	Joseph Blewer,

Thomas Fitz Simons.

An Order on William Webb to Isaac Lort, for Three pounds ten Shillings, £3 10.

An Order on William Webb to Johnson and Tittermerry, for nine pounds 5/, £9 5.

An Order on William Webb to Isaac Collins, for seventy-two pounds five shillings, for 850 Bushells Coals supply'd Jacob Myers at the Fort Island, £72 5.

An Order on William Webb to James Craig, for Eighteen pounds for work done on board the Brigt. Convention, John Rice, Commander, £18.

An Order on William Webb to Allen Moore, for One hundred Fifteen pounds 6/9, for his & Ruloff Albertson's Attendance, & materials they found for the Bridge lately built over Schuylkill, £115 6 9.

An Order on Joseph Stiles, to supply Capt. Hazlewood with 20 hand Barrows, 10 wheel Barro's, 20 Spades, 10 Shovels & 4 picks.

An Order on William Webb to William Frickett, for eleven pounds three shillings, £11 3.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Thomas Marle with six Boats Oars.

An Order on William Webb to Samuel Inglis, on Account of the Estate of John Inglis, dec'd, for One Hundred & Ninety-three pounds & 2d., £193 0 2.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Robert Wade, of the flat Black Duck, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Rush & Nathaniel Brown to Capt. John McFatrick, to deliver all the laugridge Shott they have, and to send an Account of them to this Board.

An Order on William Richards to Captain Mitchell, to supply him with the sundry Articles in his Indent.

An Order on William Richards & Robert Towers, to supply Capt. Montgomery, of the Effingham Galley, with the Sundry Articles in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Edmund Nihill, for six pounds, for 15 days hire as Clerk to the Fire raft Store, £6.

The following letter was sent to Commodore Seymore:

SIR:—This board think it necessary to inform you, that they do not consider the fire fleet as under your direction, except in time of action of course; that the orders to the Officers of that department should go through this board at all other times.

The following was sent to the Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

GENTLEMEN:—We have the honor to inclose you a return of several officers, with the date of their appointments, who are now in the fleet, and have not yet received their Commissions.

Deliver'd Capt. William Brown, of the Putnam Battery, Forty-seven yards tow linnen, for the use of the men.

State Navy Board,

April 5th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,
Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer,
Thomas Fitz Simons,
Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh,
Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Philip Winimon, for Four pounds six shillings & 8d., for Haleing 130 Barrels Turpentine Inglis's Rope Walk to Jones Wharfe, £4 6 8.

An Order to Capt. Richard Eyres, of the Delaware Schooner, to deliver John Nicholson his Servant Man, named Matthew Ford, now on board his Schooner, he paying Charges if any.

An order to William Richards, to supply Capt. John Mitchell with the sundry articles in his Indent.

An Order to Capt. Isaac Roach, to deliver Captain McFatrick two Swivells.

Application being made to this Board by the Continental Navy Board, for 10 Tons Pig Iron, to Compleat the Ballasting of the Frigate Delaware, an Order was sent to Captain Dougherty, to deliver any quantity, not exceeding Ten Tons, taking a receipt and returning it to this Board.

An Order to Captain Dougherty, to let Captain Brown have one of his Cables till a proper one can be procur'd.

An Order on William Webb to Samuel Inglis, on Account of the Estate of John Inglis, dece'd, for One Hundred & Eighty pounds 1/7, £180 1 7.

An Order on William Webb to Daniel Offley & Son, for Thirty-five pounds 10/ for 2 Anchors, £35 10.

Agreeable to our letter of yesterday, to the Honorable Supreme Executive Council, we had the following answer from the President, who appear'd this day at the Board, and desir'd the Board would fill up the different Commissions under the authority of the late Council of Safety, which was done accordingly.

State Navy Board,
April 7th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer, Samuel Massey,
Paul Cox.

An Order on Cap. Dougherty, to deliver Cap. Brown, of the Putnam Battery, 12 Fire Buckets belonging to the Ship Montgomery.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Lawrence, for one Hundred & two pounds four Shillings & four pence, for 2 Sails & a Cable Bo't at Vendue, £102 4 4.

An Order on William Webb to Captain William Brown, of the Putnam Battery, for two Hundred and nine pounds Seventeen Shillings & four pence half penny, as ℔ Account render'd by him will appear, £209 17 4½.

An Order on William Webb to Paul Cox, for Fifteen pounds for a Mainsal Bo't of him, £15.

An Order on William Webb to John Charmondy, for Four pounds Thirteen Shillings, (for 1 mo. & 6 days' wages, £5 8, deducting 15/ for p'r Shoes,) £4 13.

An Order on William Webb to John Brannon, for One pound ten shillings & 6, (for one month & 6 days' wages, £5 8, deducting Three pounds Seventeen Shillings & Six pence for 1 pair Breeches, 1 p'r Shoes & 1 p'r Stockings,) £1 10 6.

An Order on Joseph Stiles, to send two Three-pounders out of the State House yard down to Hill & Merits', and order the two small Guns that are at Hill & Merits' up to William Williams', at the Three Stores.

Directed Doctor Dunlap to make enquiry into the Indisposition of John Barbar, and make report thereof to this Board.

An Order on William Richards & Robert Towers, to deliver Capt. Eyres the Stores contained in his Indent.

Order'd, Commodore Seymore to send Cap. Henderson, with his Galley, down to Reedy Island, & Search the different Vessells outward and Inward bound, for any Deserters belonging to the State fleet.

Order'd, Captain Simmons of the Arnold Battery, to attend this Board to-morrow morning, and furnish us with his reasons for not recruiting.

An Order on William Webb, to Plunket & Singleton, Blockmakers, for Fourten pounds four Shillings, for Sundries put into William Richard's Store, for the use of the Vessells belonging to this State, £14 4.

State Navy Board,
April 8th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Thomas Fitz Simons,
Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb to Michael Dawson, for six pounds five shillings, for 5 days attendance of his Sloop on the Galleys at Trenton, @ 25/ ℔ day—£6 5.

An Order on William Webb to Gunning Bedford, for One Hundred & fifty pounds on acco't £150.

An Order on William Webb to William Trickett, for nine pounds, in full, for Stationery supplyed Capt. Richards, £9.

An Order on Capt. William Richard to Capt. Huston, of the Warren Galley, to supply him with the sundry articles in his Indent.

GENTLEMEN:—We beg leave to recommend to your consideration the case of Edward Hughes, which appears to us to be a hard one, though not within the line of our duty to redress.

To the Supreme Executive Council.

Deliver'd to Capt. John Mitchell, 32½ yd's Tow linen, for the use of the Ranger Gondola.

WHEREAS, There appears a great deficiency of hands in the fleet, and in order to supply the said fleet, we apprehend it necessary that the recruiting should be prosecuted with the greatest expedition.

Resolved, That every Captain shall be allowed Twenty shillings for every recruit hereafter enlisted, as an allowance for said Captains expences, which sum to be paid on the recruits passing Muster.

SIR:—As some disturbance has happened between the Galley men & Artillery people, the Board think it necessary to repeal their order.

That all the officers whose boats or vessels are down the river be order'd on board, & that the officers of the Galleys now here, be directed to use all the dispatch they can in compleating their Vessels.

You are desir'd likewise to order Capt. Blair to attend this Board to-morrow morning.

An Order on William Webb to Andrew Beck, for Four Pounds Two Shillings & six pence, for Eleven days Attendance, 7/6 ℔ day, £4 2 6.

State Navy Board,
April 9th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Samuel Massey, Joseph Eyre,
Thomas Fitz Simmons, Paul Cox.

SIR:—The following appointments being made in the fleet under your command, you'l please communicate them to the different officers, at same time give them orders to procure their Men as fast as possible, & come to this board to receive their Commissions.

In the present emergency it will be proper that you urge every officer under you to compleat their equipments with all possible expedition.

To John Hazlewood, Esq'r.

Fire Sloop Ætna, Cap. William Clark.
Brig't Volcano, Lieut. William Rogers.
Ship Strombulo, Lieut. James M'Knight.

Guard Boats.	By whom built.
Thunder, Cap. Francis Gilbert—	Williams & Clinton.
Dragon, Cap. Benj'n Thompson—	Boyer Brooks.
Lyon, Cap. Henry Martin—	Mordecai Hill.
Resolution, Cap. William Lyel—	Hale & Dunn.
Repulse, Cap. John Harrison—	Samuel Robins.
Argus, Cap. Nathaniel Galt,	Ditto.
Viper, Cap. Stephen Beasly—	Hale & Dunn.

SIR:—You are to deliver the Staves & heading belonging to this State that lays on Jones's wharfe, agreeable to the above sales,

taking care that no person be allowed to cull them, but that they are deliver'd as they come to hand.

To Jacob Granthan.

SIR :—The following promotions & appointments being agreed to, you will please to communicate them to the different Captains; at the same time direct them to recommend proper persons to this board, to fill up the vacancies which those promotions will occasion.

To Commodore Seymour.

Promoted:

Francis Gilbert, from the Ship Montgomery.
Benjamin Thompson, from the Experiment Galley.
Henry Martin, from the Washington.
William Lyell, from the Dickinson,
John Harrison, from the Brig't Convention.

Appointed:

Thomas Fell, 1st Lieut., to the Arnold Battery.
Jas. Kirk Patrick, 1st Lieut., to the Effingham.
Douglass Spence, 1st Lieut., to the Brig't Convention.
George Myers, 2d Lieut., to the Putnam Battery.

The following orders were sent to Capt. Boyce, to Capt. Montgomery, to Capt. Roach, & to Capt. Huston:

SIR :—You are desir'd to compleat the equipments of your vessells immediately, & go down to your station, at Fort Island, on Saturday next, or as much sooner as you can get ready.

An Order on William Webb to William Richards, for Two Hundred & Eighty-three pounds ten shillings & Ten pence, £283 10 10.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Grinair, for Sixty pounds Nineteen Shilling & 4d., for nails, £60 19 4.

Recommended Douglass Spence for 1st Lieuten't of the Brig Convention, and George Myers for 2d Lieutenant of the Putnam Battery, to the Council.

Gave Capt. Brice, of the Fire Brigt. Vulcano, an order on William Richards & Mr. Fitz Gerald, Blockmaker, for sundries co.r-tain'd in his Indent.

Order'd, Commodore Seymour to issue his orders to Captains York & Webb, immediately to repair with their Galleys to this City.

Directed Capt. Richards & Robert Towers to supply Capt. Blair with the sundry articles in his Indent.

An Order on William Richards & Robert Towers, to supply Cap. Brown, of the Guard Boat Tormenter, with the sundry Articles in his Indent.

Order'd, That William Crispin do procure, immediately, Three Tons Biscuit & Six hogsheads rum, for the use of the State Navy, and to make report of the same to this Board.

State Navy Board,
April 10*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Blewer,
Thomas Fitz Simons, Manuel Eyre,
Samuel Massey, Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Carlisle & Volaus, for Eight pounds Three Shillings & 11d., £8 3 11.

An Order on William Crispin, to deliver John Hazelwood Twenty Gallons Rum.

An Order on Robert Towers, Joseph Stiles or William Richards, to deliver John Hazelwood Six Wheelbarrows.

An Order on William Webb to Richard Sparks and Andrew Horan, for One pound 13/, £1 13.

An Order on William Webb to Messrs. Meade & Company, for Ninety-eight pounds fifteen Shillings, for Sails Bought of them, £98 15.

An Order on William Webb to Edward London, for Forty-two pounds fifteen Shillings for Wood supply'd the Fire Brigt. Vulcano, £42 15.

An Order on William Richards to Capt. Dougherty, of the Ship Montgomery, to supply him with two Gallons Oil and Forty weight Brimstone.

An Order on William Richards and Robert Towers to Capt. Beasly, of the Guard Boat Viper, to supply him with the sundry Articles in his Indent.

An Order on William Richards to Capt. Thomas Hazelwood, of the Guard Boat Fame, to supply him with an Iron Pott and Three Fathom and a-half of Rope.

Order'd, Capt. Boyce, of the Franklin, to give Joseph Wilkins (an Apprentice to James Griffin) his discharge.

Captains Simmons & Allen, who were appointed to visit the Signals & Alarm Posts, made the following report, vizt:

On our arrival at the first Alarm post at the Cape, under care of Major Henry Fisher, to be in very good readiness to execute the intentions proposed, having his boat & Horse ready, and a trusty hand at the Light House. But was desired, by Major Fisher, to acquaint you of the necessity of having an assistant with him in case of a retreat, Should the Enemy make an attempt to land there; and, if agreeable to the board, wou'd chuse Capt. Murphy with his boat and Crew for that purpose, as he has many disafected persons around him.

From the Cape we proceeded to the second boat at Mushmellion, under the care of George Jackson, which we found in readiness.

From the above, we proceeded to the third boat at the Motherkill, given in charge to Samuel Edwards, but now under the care

of John Marshall, who has it in charge by way of partnership, but we wou'd recommend Mr. Marshall for the post, being well recommended to us as a sober Man, particularly, as we have been informed Edwards has neglected duty when under care.

From thence we proceeded to Bombay Hook, to the fourth boat, under the care of Benjamin Rook, whom we found from his post, and but three men in the boat to proceed up with. We have employed Mr. Pearson, of that place, to attend in his room, till the said Rook should return, and that the board would see him paid out of his wages.

We found all right at the other ports, till we came to No. 5, Steep Water point, where Lawrence Morris, whom we found absent from his post, which we have given in Charge to Mr. James, liveing near it, with desire to recommend a trusty man to it, in case the said Morris should neglect again.

From Steep Water point, we proceeded up to No. 6, 7 & 8; at No. 8, at Chester, on enquiry, found Mr. Coburn somewhat edicted to Liquor, but that he had given very good attendance last summer to his Duty, but found on talking to him, that he would not do the like again, under penalty of becoming turned out of his post; leaving Mr. Grubb of that place as a check on him, who has promised to inform the Board of any neglect he shall commit.

At No. 10, Billingsport, we left charge of the Gun and Flag, to the Commanding Officer there, giving him the proper instructions for that purpose.

From that we proceeded to the Fort Island, desiring the Commanding Officer to give such orders as was proper to be observed.

We found at Gloucester, all right.

We think proper to inform the Board, that we have required all the men on their Station, that in case the boat below them, should come to their posts and find them absent, that in that case the one absent should loose one-half of a Months' pay. In like manner, we informed the Men at the different Guns, leaving it at the discretion of the Board to recompence the post that shall take up the Alarm before the next one below him, to be paid out of the money forfeited.

N. B. We have deliver'd to each post, four rounds of Powder, besides the one in the Gun, taking away what bad powder they had—deliver'd in the whole, 12 Rounds of 3lb charges. Rece'd of the damaged powder, 4 Rounds.

State Navy Board,
April 11*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Thomas Fitz Simons,
Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb to Charles Woolfall, for Forty-two pounds Twelve Shillings & two pence ½, in full of his Account, £42 2 2½.

An Order on William Richards & Robert Towers, to compleat, as in their power, Capt. Rice's Indent, £36 0 0.

An Order on William Webb to Captain Leeson Simmons, for Thirty-six pounds, being for services done formerly, and lately visiting the Alarm posts.

An Order on William Webb to Capt. John Hazelwood, For 924 dollars, for Bounties for the new appointed Captains of the new Guard Boats, £346 10.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Abraham Mason one bolt Russia Duck for the Convention Galley; likewise deliver'd him 70 yards ozenbrigs, out of the Store in the Lodge.

An Order on William Webb to John Adams, for Twenty pounds, for two months' attendance to the Flagstaff at the false Cape, £20.

Ordered, That Mr. Marsh visit the Post at Billingsport as often as he thinks necessary, and that Capt. Hazelwood be directed to furnish him a Boat for that purpose as often as he applies for one.

It being represented to this board that Peter Stanley was hurt while in the service of this State.

Order'd, That Capt. Blewer apply to one of the Managers of the Pennsylvania Hospital for an Order to admit him.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Marsh, for Three hundred and fifty pounds, £350.

A Petition from Nathan Simmons to be appointed 2d Lieutenant of the Ranger, being considered, it was agreed that he should be recommended for that appointment.

An Order on William Webb to Johnson & Tittermery, for One Thousand & Forty-two pounds nine Shillings and six pence, £1,042 9 6.

An Order on John Maxwell Nesbitt to William Webb, for Five Thousand pounds, £5,000.

An Order on William Richards & Robert Towers, to supply Capt. Jonathan Cowpland, of the Armed Hawke, with the sundry articles in his Indent.

Order'd, Commodore Seymour to permit Capt. Thomas Moore, of the Hancock Galley, to go to Marcus Hook one week, to Recruit for Men.

An Order on William Webb to James King, on Account of Henry Fisher, for Three Hundred & seventy-five pounds, £375.

Ordered, William Richards to deliver Elijah Doe, a half Ton Iron.

Ordered, That Captain Blewer call on Doctor Clarkson, and desire him to attend Peter Standley, and this Board will pay him for his Attendance.

Resolved, That Manuel Eyre & Samuel Massey Go to Darby Creek to-morrow, and give such directions relative to the Building the Battery and House for the Men, as they shall think necessary.

An Order on William Richards to supply Cap. Jones, of the Strumbulo, with sundry Stores.

An Order on William Webb to Ebenezer Massey, for nine pounds seven shillings & six pence, on Account, £9 7 6.

State Navy Board,
April 12*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,	Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer,	Samuel Massey,
Paul Cox,	Manuel Eyre.

Order'd, Jeremiah Simmons, of the Arnold Battery, to deliver to Mr. Joseph Rice, his Apprentice Boy now on board, named David M'Coy.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Miller, for One Hundred & forty-four pounds fifteen shillings & six pence, in full of his Account against the Warren Galley, Capt. Huston, £144 15 6.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Casdrop, for One Hundred & fifty pounds, on Account, £150.

An Order on William Webb to John Sloan, for Two pounds 5/, in full of 30 Bushells hair, supply'd the Washington Galley, £2 5.

Order'd, All the Officers of the fleet to let Colonel Proctor have as many men as they can conveniently spare, to Work on Fort Island.

An Order on William Webb to John Wisemonger, for three pounds twelve Shillings, in full for 6,000 pump nails put in the Provincial Store, @ 12/ ℔ m., £3 12

An Order on William Richards to Copt. Daniel Murphy, One Barrel Pork.

SIR:—The Board received yours of the 10th, and according to your desire, have sent down Capt. Murphy in the Armed Boat Eagle, who has instructions to follow your Orders in all respects; we pray you will send us all the intelligence you can possibly get. On Monday next, we shall send down another Boat.

To Major Henry Fisher.

Sir :—You are immediately to proceed with your Boat and People to Lewis Town Creek, and then apply to Mr. Henry Fisher, and strictly follow such directions as he shall give you. We request you to keep your People in good order, and not suffer them to stray from the Boat or to commit any Riots.

To Capt. Daniel Murphy.

Sir :—You are desired to order Capt. Eyres of the Delaware, and Capt. Rice of the Convention, immediately to compleat their equipments, and to hold themselves in readiness to Sail on the Morning of the 15th Inst.

To Commodore Seymour.

Sir :—We shall have occasion to send one of the Guard Boats down to the Capes, and request you wou'd recommend a proper one for that purpose & direct the Capt'n to call upon us on Monday morning, to receive his instructions.

To John Hazelwood, Esq.

State Navy Board,
April 13*th*, 1777.

Present :

William Bradford, *C. M.*,
Manuel Eyre,
Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer,
Thomas Fitz Simons,
Paul Cox.

State Navy Board,
April 14*th*, 1777.

Present :

William Bradford, *C. M.*,
Emanuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer,
Samuel Massey,
Paul Cox,
Thomas Fitz Simons,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order to William Crispin, to supply Captain Roach, of the Schooner Delaware, with Rum & Vegitables for Six Weeks.

An Order on William Crispin, to supply Captain Rice, of the Convention, with Twenty-six Hundred of Bread & four Barrels flour, with Rum and Vegitables for Six Weeks.

An Order to William Richards, to supply Captain Rice with nine Barrels Beef & five Barrels Pork.

An Order on William Webb to William Brown, Ship Builder, for Three hundred & Thirty-one pounds Eighteen Shillings & Eight pence, £331 18 8.

Ordered, That each Galley and Armed Boat, and Floating Batteries, be provided with two good and proper Spikes for each Gun,

for the purpose of Spiking up their Guns upon an emergency, and that Mr. Eyre be directed to procure them One Hundred Spikes.

An Order on William Webb to Soloman Markley, for One pound Ten shillings for 20 Bushells of Hair for the use of the Washington Galley, £1 10.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Dougherty with a Coil of Spun yarn.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Crofts, for Forty-five pounds nine shillings and nine pence, for Making of Boxes, £45 9 9.

An Order to William Richards & Robert Towers, to supply Captain Martin, of the Armed Boat Lyon, with the several articles in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Jehu Eyres, for Three Hundred and Eighty-four pounds & Six pence, for work on the Galley, £384 0 6.

An Order on William Webb to Derick Cooper, for Six pounds Fourteen Shillings, £6 14.

Request to James Wharton & Nathaniel Falconer, to lend this State 600 wt. of Spikes and Deck nails.

On application to the Board of War for small Shot, they gave a General Order to Joseph Stiles to supply this Board with all such shot as we apply for.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Seymour, for Two hundred & fifty pounds, £250.

An Order to Captain Dougherty, to deliver Captain Beesly one pair Swivel Guns belonging to the ship Montgomery.

An Order in favor of William Rigden on William Webb, for Three pounds Seven shillings for painting the Barge belonging to the ship Montgomery, Captain Dougherty, in July last, £3 7.

Deliver'd Captain Yorke Fifteen Blankets, out of the Store under the Lodge.

An Order to Henry Dougherty, Esq'r, Commander of the Ship Montgomery, to deliver Capt. McFatrick two Howitts belonging to the Ship.

The Board, taking into Consideration the necessity of compleating the Obstruction of the Channel opposite Billingsport.

Ordered, That Mr. Eyre be directed to send down a number of Carpenters to assist Mr. Smith in building a further number Chevaux de Frize, and that this board will pay them at the same rate as while employed in repairing the Galleys, and furnish them the necessary provisions.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Miller, for Two hundred & Thirty-nine pounds six shillings & ten pence, in full of repairs of the Brigantine Convention, £239 6 10.

An Order to Captain Dougherty, to deliver Captain James Brown 2 Swivel Guns.

An Order on Joseph Stiles, for Two Swivel Guns in the State House Yard, belonging to his Excellency Thomas Wharton, Esq'r., by his leave to be delivered to Captain James Brown, of the Armed Boat Tormentor.

Sir:—The Vessell under your Command being now ready, you are immediately to proceed with her down to Cape May, and on your arrival there, to inform yourself what Ships or Vessells of the Enemies are in the Bay or Cruising of the Cape, that you may be the better able to judge how to conduct yourself.

The principal intention of sending you down, is to protect the Inward & Outward bound Vessells, and as Capt. Roach of the Delaware goes down with you on the same service, we expect you will be able to execute it with good effect. We recommend it particularly to you, and that you give every possible assistance to all such Vessells.

While there are any of the Enemies Ships in the Bay or Road, it will not be safe for you to venture out to Sea, but when that is not the case, you are at liberty to Cruize between great Egg Harbour to the North & Sinepuxent to the South, taking care never to go out of sight of the Land, and that you are not more than Forty-Eight Hours at one time from your Station. Captain Roach and you are always to Cruize in Concert, and not to separate if possible.

There is too much reason to believe that a communication is kept up between some people on Shore and the Enemies Ships, by which means they get supply'd with fresh provisions and intelligence. We recommend it to you to be very diligent in preventing any such intercourse, and that if you discover any persons concerned in it, you inform the Executive powers of the State where they reside, or if necessary secure them yourself.

Should you procure any intelligence of the Enemies motions, particularly respecting the present embarkation at New York, you are to forward it to us by Express immediately, either by land or by water, as you may judge most expeditious.

In case of a fleet coming into this Bay, you are to send us immediate advice of it, to watch its motions as long as it can be done with safety, and as your Vessell draws but little water, you may annoy the Boats they employ in sounding; when that cannot be done without endangering your own Vessell, you are to retreat on this side the Chevaux de Frize; Capt. Roach will have Orders to Co-operate with you upon every occasion, and we trust you will execute this Service with Honor to yourself and service to your country.

To John Rice, Esq., Commander of the Brigantine Convention.

Sir :—As you are Ordered to take charge of the Schooner Delaware, it is our directions that you immediately proceed down the Bay in her, and in conjunction with Capt. Rice of the Convention, take your Station at Cape May, where you are to give every assistance in your power to all inward & outward bound Vessells belonging to the United States.

If in your way down, or at any time hereafter, you discover any Vessells of the Enemies in the Bay, you are to give them every annoyance you can, and particularly if you find them sounding; in that case, by chusing your station well, you may prevent their sending out boats, or if they shou'd, be able to distroy them.

You are to be particularly attentive to prevent any communication between the Enemies Ships & the Shore, and if you discover any person concerned in such an Illicit Correspondence, report them to the Executive powers of the State, where they reside, or if necessary secure them that they may dealt with according to Law. When there are none of the Enemies Ships in the Bay or Road, you are at Liberty to Cruize in Concert with Captain Rice, between great Egg Harbour to the North and Sinepuxent to the South, but you are not to go out of Sight of Land, nor are you to be longer than forty-Eight hours at one time from your Station. If at any time you procure any material intelligence, you are immediately to communicate it to us, and in case of discovering the Enemies fleet coming into the Bay, shou'd send an Express by land or by water as may seem most Expeditious. You are to watch their motions & annoy their Boats and small Vessells as much as possible, taking care at same time, not to let them get above you, but to retreat before them on this side the Chevaux de Frize.

You must be careful to keep your people from straggling on shore, and to cultivate a good correspondence with any of the Officers employed in the Service.

To Isaac Roach, Esq'r, Commander of the Schooner Delaware.

Sir :—The Board thinking it necessary to have some person down at Reedy Island, to communicate what intelligence may offer in the most speedy manner, and having the greatest confidence in your integrity and ability, appoint you to that service.

You are therefore to proceed down to-morrow, as low as Bombay Hook, from whence you are to send advice to Henry Fisher of your appointment, at same time that he is to communicate to you every intelligence that may be necessary for you to send to us. We judge Reedy Island will be the most convenient Station for you, and from thence you are to forward to us every intelligence you can procure, respecting the motions of the enemies Ships, with whatever else may appear to you for the good of the Service.

Your own prudence will direct you as to the more expeditious way of forwarding your intelligence, and to you we leave it, with only observing, that we consider the service you are employed in as very essential to this State.

To Captain Leeson Simmons.

State Navy Board,
April 15*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,	Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer,	Manuel Eyre,
Andrew Caldwell,	Thomas Fitz Simons,
Samuel Massey,	Joseph Marsh.

Captain Rice not having it in his power to procure a Pilot here, this Board authorizes him to hire one at Cape May, or where else a proper one can be got, and to draw upon this board for his hire.

SIR:—You are not to deliver any amunition out of your Sloop till you receive further orders from this Board.

To Capt. Martin Wert.

An Order to Joseph Stiles, to supply Captain Galt with two Swivel Guns.

An Order to William Richards, to supply Capt. Lawrence, of the Salamander, with sundries.

An Order on William Webb to Pat'k Meade, for two pounds six shillings, £2 6.

An Order to Capt. Hazelwood, to supply Captain Lawrence with a Tent.

An Order on William Webb to William Williams, for Four hundred pounds, £400.

An Order on William Webb to Boyer Brooks, for Seventy-six pounds 16/4, £76 16 4.

SIR:—Messrs. Casdorp & Davis being employed in the service of this State, you are to supply them with what provisions & Liquors they may draw for—for themselves & their Workmen.

To William Crispin, Esq'r.

SIR:—The Board are of opinion that the Chevaux de Frize, which lays on Ground at Fort Island, should be immediately Caulked & got on Floats.

To Joseph Marsh.

An Order to Jonathan Mifflin, D. Q. Master General, to supply this Board with Twenty Tents.

Captain Hazelwood having attended according to Order, and the present state of the fleet, respecting the Commanding Officer, being considered, it was agreed to recommend him to the Executive powers as a proper person to be second in Command.

The board, considering the inconvenience attending their Orders going through the present Commodore, who, from his infirm state, cannot attend the duties of his station, are of opinion that, for the present, all Orders from this board should be directed to Commodore Hazelwood; & that Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Fitz Simons wait upon Commodore Seymour, to acquaint him with this resolve.

Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Eyre & Mr. Blewer, are directed to go down to Fort Island to-morrow, to inspect into the state of the Armed Vessells there.

An Order on William Webb to Peter Brown, for Two hundred fifty-five pounds nineteen shillings & 11, for Iron Work, £255 19 11.

An Order on William Webb to Peter Clark, (formerly Gunner to Capt. Hance,) for six pounds, being for half pay from the first of March to the first of May, he being sick, £6.

An Order on William Webb, in favor Conyngham & Nesbit for ninety-six pounds 5/, for sundrys Bo't of them By Paul Cox, p. bill, £96 5.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Lawrence, for One Hundred & two pounds seven shillings and nine pence, £102 7 9.

An Order on William Webb to Pain Newman, for Two hundred & ninety-one pounds Eighteen shillings & 3½, £291 18 3½.

Delivered Captain Brown, of the Putnam Battery, Fifteen Blanketts, for the use of his Men.

Sir:—We wrote you the 12th Inst. by Capt. Murphy, and informed you that we wou'd send down another boat on Monday following; we have now ordered Capt. Charles Lawrence, of the Armed Boat Salamander, to proceed immediately to Lewis Town with our Orders, strictly to follow your directions.

To Major Henry Fisher.

Sir:—You are immediately to proceed with your Boat to Lewis Town Creek, & there apply to Mr. Henry Fisher, and strictly to follow such directions as he shall give you.

We request you to keep your People under good order, and not suffer them to stray from the Boat or to Commit any Riots.

To Capt. Charles Lawrence.

State Navy Board,

April 16*th*, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,	Andrew Caldwell,	on duty.
Samuel Massey,	Manuel Eyre,	ditto.
Thomas Fitz Simons,	Joseph Blewer,	ditto.
Paul Cox,	Joseph Marsh,	ditto.

Mr. Marsh having represented to this board that a greater number of Flatts are wanting to bring Stone from the quarry's to Fort Island and Billingsport;

Order'd, That Mr. Massey engage four Flatts to take stone from Butcher's Quarry, on Schuylkill.

The Workmen employed in building Chevaux de Frize, being thought insufficient on the present emergency;

Ordered, That Mr. Eyre employ an additional number of Carpenters for that service. And it is the opinion of this board, that if a sufficient number cannot be got, that this board recommend it to the Executive power to take some effectual steps for procuring them.

An Order on John Maxwell Nesbitt, favour William Webb, for Five Thousand pounds, £5,000.

An Order to Joseph Stiles, to deliver Captain Brown, of the Putnam Battery, two Swivel Guns and Sixty Swivel Shott.

An Order on Robert Towers to Capt. Brown, of the Putnam Battery, to Supply him with Sixty Swivel Cartridges, with Worms, Ladles, &c., for two Swivells.

Sir:—The board have taken into consideration your request for a Surgeon, which they wish had been made earlier. It is their opinion that you shou'd immediately proceed agreeable to your former Instructions, and that a Surgeon, with Instruments, Medicines, &c., be sent after you.

To John Rice, Esq'r.

An Order to Robert Towers, to supply the Delaware Schooner with four Sheep Skins.

An Order to Captain Richards, to supply the Delaware Schooner with some Old Canvas and Spare Cordage.

Deliver'd Capt. Roach, of the Schooner Delaware, Six Blankets, for the use of his Men.

Captain Henderson, of the Gondolo Dickinson, having recommended John M'Clain as a proper person for a second Lieutenant, the Board represented him as a fit person, and he was appointed accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to William Perkins, for Thirty-four pounds four shillins, for 3 doz. wood Axes, 1 doz. hand Hatchets, put into Richards Store, £34 4.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Henry Williams, Stewart of the Accommodation Sloop, with sundries contain'd in an Indent sign'd by Commodore John Hazelwood.

An Order on William Webb to Conyngham & Nesbit, for One hundred & thirteen pounds, for sundries bought of them by Paul Cox, £113.

Agreeable to our instructions to Capt. Simmons, he produced an Indent of a Deficiency of Stores for the Arnold Battery, where-

upon he received our Directions to William Richards & Robert Towers to supply him.

An Order on Richards & Towers, to supply Capt. Webb, of the Experiment Galley, with such necessaries contained in his Indent.

Repeated orders having been issued from this board, for the Commanders of the Armed Vessells, Batteries and Boats belonging to this State, to furnish them with lists of such necessaries as were wanting to compleat their equipments, and to apply for orders to the Commissaries and Store Keepers to supply them with all such necessaries.

The board cannot but be surprised to find, that notwithstanding such orders, daily applications are making to them for articles which shou'd have been procured in consequence of these orders; and it being represented to us that some of the Cap'ts of the Gondolos, did lately go on board the ammunition vessell belonging to this State, and take from thence a quantity of powder and shot, which imply'd either a want of those necessary articles, or a very great abuse in the Captains who took them; to prevent all such abuses or wants in future, the Board Orders, That Commodore Hazelwood, do direct every officer Commanding any Vessel, Battery or Boat in the service of this State, immediately to furnish him with a list of such articles as he or they may want to compleat their respective equipments, agreeable to the establishment made by this Board.

After such requisition, if any Vessel, Battery or Boat shall be found deficient in any such articles, the board will consider the Commander of such Vessell, Battery or Boat, as answerable for the consequence, except it can be made appear that such articles have been applyed for and could not be procured.

Order'd, That Commodore Hazelwood furnish each Captain with a Copy of the Minutes of yesterday, with respect to issuing Orders through him, together with a Copy of these.

State Navy Board,

April 17th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,	Thomas Fitz Simons,
Samuel Massey,	Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre,	Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)

Paul Cox.

An Order to Doctor Dunlap, to attend the Board this Morning.

An Order to Robert Towers to deliver Captain Alexander Henderson, Fifty Rounds Powder for a Twenty-four Pounder.

An Order on William Webb to John Flintham, for One pound six shillings & 8d, for Ten Mast Hoops for the Brig't Convention.

An Order on Robert Towers & William Richards, to supply Capt. Boyce with sundries in his Indent.

An Order to Benjamin Betterton, to supply Capt. Brown of the Putnam Battery, with a Water Cask & Harness Tub.

An Order to Capt. Richards, to supply Commodore Hazelwood with 6 Coils Cordage for Warps.

The Board being of opinion that a further number of Fire Ships is necessary.

Order'd, That Mr. Cox & Mr. Massey purchase a Ship lately belonging to George Meade & Company, now offer'd for sale.

Order'd, That Major Loxley be desired to go down immediately to where the Armed Vessells lays, and sight each of the Cannon that wants it.

Agreed with William Steward to go to Butcher's Quarry and carry Stone to Billings Port, with Two Flats @ five shillings ℔ Perch.

An Order on Joseph Stiles to deliver Capt. Henry Martin, two Swivel Guns.

An Order on William Webb to John Williams, for One Hundred & fifty-three pounds four shillings & three pence, £153 4 3.

An Order on William Webb to Thom's Mires, for Five pounds Eight Shillings, for Twelve dozen Black Stone Porringers, £5 8.

An Order from the Pennsylvania War Office on Sharp Delany, for a supply of Medicines as this Board may want from time to time, and pursuant thereto, gave him an Order to put up two Chests Medicines for the Brigantine Convention's use, John Rice, Esq'r., Commander, and Schooner Delaware's, Isaac Roach, Esq'r., Commander, for a Cruize of six weeks, 50 Men each.

An Order on William Pritchard, to deliver Philip Wert all the provisions belonging to this State under his Care.

An Order on Mess'rs. Towers & Richards, to furnish Capt. Mitchell the Stores contain'd in his Indent.

GENTLEMEN:—By the information which this Board has received, it appears there are now several of the Enemies Ships and Tenders in this Bay, and as none of the Armed Vessells belonging to this State can be employed in the Bay, except one Brigantine and one Schooner, which are already order'd down, the Board are apprehensive they may not be adequate to the purpose of keeping the Cape May Channel clear of the Enemies Cruizers, or of protecting the Inward and Outward Bound Vessells.

They, therefore, submit it to your honors, whether it wou'd not be for the Publick service to order such of the Continental Vessells, as are fit for the Purpose, down, to co-operate with the Vessells belonging to this State?

To the Honorable the Marine Committee of Congress.

Report being made to this Board that some of the officers Commanding Armed Vessells in the service, refuse or neglect to attend the Musters of their respective Companies, and as it is the duty of every Officer to attend on such occasions, and see that their Muster Rolls are right, The Board direct the Commissary General of Musters to return to them the names of all such Officers as shall so neglect or refuse; And that Commodore Hazelwood furnish every Captain with a Copy of this Minute.

Fifteen Copies of The following Orders were sent to the Commanding Officer of the fleet at Fort Island, to be by him deliver'd to the different Commanders as directed to them:

Sir:—The Executive Powers of this State having appointed John Hazelwood, Esq'r, the second in Command in the Naval Service of this State; You are from henceforth to Obey all Orders from this Board that shall come through him.

State Navy Board,
April 18*th*, 1777.

Present:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Andrew Caldwell,
Manuel Eyre, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Samuel Massey.

Order'd, That Capt. Wert deliver out of the Ammunition Sloop all the Grape Shot belonging to the Several Galleys.

An Order on William Crispin, to deliver to William Webb his Rations from the first of March last.

Order'd, Robert Towers, Esq'r, to furnish Captain Brown, of the Putnam Battery, now lying at her Station near Fort Island, with a Gin if he has one to spare, if not, to get one immediately made.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Joseph Rudolph, formerly a Gunner belonging to Captain Cowpland, who received a hurt which disabled him, and has since return'd, and now Gunner to Captain Thomas Hazelwood, and not received any pay from the 1st last February, the Board being satisfied he is entitled to his pay Monthly as usual.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Jones, of the Ship Strumbulo, with 4 Blunder Bushes, 6 Musketts & 2 Swivells.

Order'd, Towers, Richards & Stiles, to supply Capt. Thompson with such Articles as each may have in their several departments, for the use of the new Guard Boat Dragon.

An Order on John Ennis, to supply Captain Simmons with 20 yd's Old Canvas, and deliver'd Lieutenant Fell 14 Blanketts out of the Chamber, for the use of the Arnold Battery.

An Order on William Richards and Robert Towers & Joseph Stiles, to deliver Capt. Galt, of the Guard Boat Argus, such things as are Contained in his Indent.

State Navy Board,
April 19*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to John Harrison, for six pounds for a Swivel Gun, Bo't for the Brigantine Convention, £6.

An Order on William Richards, for one Barr'l Tar, one Coil Spun Yarn & 300 w't Junk, for the Brigantine Convention.

An Order on William Richards, Robert Towers & Joseph Stiles, to supply Capt. Yorke with the sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on William Richards, Towers & Stiles, to supply Capt. Brice with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to John Brice, for Eight pounds Thirteen Shillings, for Wood Bought for Brig't Volcano, £8 13.

An Order on William Webb to Derick Peterson, for One Hundred & Eleven pounds four shillings & four pence, for Boards for Derby Creek, £111 4 4.

An Order on William Webb to William Peterson, for One Hundred & ninety-five pounds fifteen shillings and 8d, for Boards & Scantling, £195 15 8.

An Order on William Webb to Commodore John Hazelwood, for Two hundred & fifty pounds, £250.

An Order on William Webb to John Beasley, for Thirteen pounds Seventeen Shillings & six pence, £13 17 6.

An Order on William Webb to William Sharp, for four pounds, in full of four Reams paper, Bought of him by Paul Cox, £4.

Lewis Rue having Petitioned the Board and being well recommended, the Board have appointed him Second Lieutenant to the Armed Boat Bull Dog.

State Navy Board,
April 21*st*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh, Joseph Blewer,
Thomas Fitz Simons, Paul Cox,
Emanuel Eyre.

An Order on Robert Towers and Joseph Stiles, to deliver Commodore Hazelwood, Powder & Shot, with all the apparatus necessary for One Nine, Two Eight and two six pounders.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Bound, for Sixteen pounds Twelve Shillings & Six pence, for joiner's work on board the Convention, £16 12 6.

An Order on William Webb to John Bates, for Eight pounds five shillings, for an Anvil deliver'd Jacob Myers, £5 8.

An Order on William Webb to Daniel Stonemats, for Ten pounds two Shillings & Sixpence, for Seventy-five Cedar Bolts, £10 2 6.

Upon information that the Marine Committee of Congress had, in Compliance with the requisition of this Board, Ordered the Brigantine Andrew Doria, Captain Robinson, down to Cape May, it was agreed to write the Captains Rice and Roach, to acquaint them therewith, vizt:

Sir:—In consequence of an application from this Board, The Honorable the Marine Committee of Congress have Order'd down the Brigantine Andrew Doria, Captain Isaiah Robinson, whose assistance we thought might be necessary in the service you are directed to.

By the Rules Established by the Honorable the Continental Congress, the Officers of the United States Command all Officers of the like rank, belonging to any particular State when employ'd together.

Of course, Capt. Robinson will take the Command as soon as he joins you. You are, therefore, to follow his instructions on every occasion, (except they shou'd be contrary to those we have already given you,) and as the good of the service requires perfect unanimity in the Officers, we recommend it to you, to Cultivate a good Correspondence with each other. A copy of the above were sent to each Captain.

Sir:—The Board will be obliged to Capt. Robinson, if he will send the inclosed Letter as directed, when he goes down.

To Isaiah Robinson, Esq'r.,
Commander of the Brigantine Andrew Doria.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Montgomery with two Boxes Powder, for an Eighteen pounder.

Order'd, That Captains Blewer, Caldwell, Cox and Mr. Eyres, go down to-morrow to Billings Port, to settle how wide the gap shall be left open.

Order'd, That Commodore Hazelwood Attend the above Gentlemen.

Paul Nakervis, applying and being well recommended for Lieutenant of the Fire Sloop Ætna, he was appointed accordingly and Rece'd his Commission.

£3 4 6. An Order on William Webb to Joseph Blewer, for Three pounds four shillings and sixpence, for Expences in visiting the fleet at Fort Island.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Hardie, for Seven pounds ten Shillings for Horse hire, Express & Sundry Expences, ℔ account, £7 10.

The following Order was sent to Commodore Hazelwood:

You are hereby Order'd to give immediate instructions to the Commanding Officer of the fleet not to suffer any sea Vessell whatever to pass through the Chevaux de Frizes, untill further Orders from this Board.

Mr. Massey & Capt. Cox are desired to Order the Cags of Hogs Lard, now in the Schooner Lydia, to be sold by Vendue on Wednesday next.

The Board of War having communicated a Letter from General Washington, informing that Hartshorne & Bowne, of New Jersey, had sent a Vessell to this Port, & loaded with Flour, which went to New York; and that the Murrays, of New York, had sent a French Vessel, which was loaded here, and also went to New York;

Order'd, That Mr. Massey & Capt. Cox make the most diligent enquiry into this matter, and inform the Board.

Commodore Hazelwood is desired to Order down the Ship Strumbelo & Brigt. Volcano, with all expedition.

Sir:—The Board have received your letter of the 19th, which cou'd wish had been more particular; We hope Major Fisher, as soon as he knows your Station, will communicate from day to day what offers. As yet we are quite uncertain of the number of Ships of War that are in the Bay, which, as well as their force, wou'd be very proper to know.

We do not think it will be necessary to fire the alarm Guns, except in case of a fleet of Men-of-war and Transports appearing, as alarming the country upon other occasions is attended with ill consequences. You'l please, therefore, to conform to the rules laid down for communicating alarms by the printed instructions; but on every occasion send expresses to us, to acquaint us how things are circumstanced.

If it shou'd appear to you that the Enimy were likely to procure any number of Cattle, it will be proper for you to represent it to us, and from what place it wou'd be most likely for them to get them.

We approve of your securing the Gun at Reedy Island, and don't doubt but we shall be favored with very regular Inteligence from you.

To Capt. Leeson Simmons.

State Navy Board,
April 22*d*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,	Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)
Paul Cox,	Emanuel Eyre,
Samuel Massey,	Joseph Blewer.

The Board went down to Billings Port, to fix the Gap to be left Open.

State Navy Board,
April 23*d*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,	Emanuel Eyre,
Paul Cox,	Joseph Blewer.

An Order on William Webb to Pearson & Shearman, for Sixty-five pounds, for Casting Twenty Petards for the Fire Vessells, £65.

An Order on William Richards, to supply the Congress Galley with three pounds whipping twine.

An Order on William Webb, in favour of William Craig, for Two pounds for Mast Hoops, £2.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Capt. Hazelwood, of the Guard Boat Fame, with some things in his Indent.

An Order to Capt. Brown of the Putnam Battery, to supply Capt. Albertson with seventy shot of Eighteen ounces each, if they could be spared.

Thomas Jones, being well recommended by Captain Simmons as third Lieutenant of the Arnold Battery, the Board Granted him his Commission.

Order on William Webb to pay John Burmingham's Wife, a (privite on board the Brig't Convention,) half of his Month's wages.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Gambel, for One pound fifteen shillings, for the pilotage of the Brig't Convention, Capt. John Rice, Esq'r., She drawing seven feet water, 5/ ℔ foot, £1 15.

An Order on William Webb to William Ross, for One pound fifteen shillings, for the Pilotage of the Schooner Delaware, Captain Isaac Roach, Esq'r., She drawing seven feet water, 5/ ℔ foot, £1 15.

State Navy Board,
April 24*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,	Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer,	Paul Cox,
	Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Capt. Cristie of the Brig't Vesuvius, with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Griffith Jones, for Two pounds seventeen shillings & 6d, for sundry Men's work done on board the Ship Strumbelo, £2 17 6.

James Mekenison, Third Lieutenant of the Floating Battery Putnam, William Brown, Esq'r., Commander, having petitioned the Board to resign his Commission, which was accordingly granted him.

An Order on William Webb to William Bower, for ninety-six pounds seventeen shillings and ten pence, Ballance of his Account against the Ship Montgomery, £96 17 10.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Blewer, for One pound One shilling, being the expences landing & storing 40 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs. Iron, now in Colonel Knox's Store, £1 1.

An Order on William Webb to William Bradford, for One pound Twelve shillings, being for the freight of thirty-two dozen Brooms, £1 12.

An Order to Jacob Grantham, to deliver William Bower Three Barrels Turpentine, for the use of the Ship Montgomery.

Deliver'd to Captain Mitchell of the Ranger Galley, Thirty-two yards Cloth for Quarter Cloths.

An Order on Robert Towers, to deliver Captain Mitchell of the Ranger Galley, two Boxes Cartridges with Powder, for an Eighteen pounder.

An Order on Robert Towers, to deliver Captain Garland of the Chatham Galley, Thirty-two Cartridges powder, for a Twenty-four pounder.

An Order on William Webb to William Harper, for Thirty-eight pounds Eighteen shillings & Seven pence, for 719lbs Tallow, put into Richards' Store, March 7th, last, £38 18 7.

The following orders were sent to Commodore John Hazelwood:

Sir:—You are desired by this Board to issue Orders immediately to Captain Webb of the Experiment Galley, to repair to Point-No-Point, about five miles up the River Delaware, & there lye, in order to examine every Shallop and Flatt passing from this City, and if any provision, Goods, Wares or Merchandize shou'd be found on board, without a permit from Ephraim Bonham, Charles William Peal, Jacob Bright or George Goodwin, or either of them, the said Shallop or Flatt having Goods on Board, to stop and detain, until a permit signed by one of the above named Gentlemen is produced.

In consequence of the aforegoing Order, the following was sent to the within named Gentlemen:

Gentlemen:—We have Order'd Commodore Hazelwood to station Captain Webb, of the Experiment Galley, at or near Point-No-Point, whose business will be to search all Shallops and Flatts pas-

sing from this City upwards, and if he shou'd find any Goods, Wares or Merchandize on board, without a permit signed by Ephraim Bonham, Charles William Peal, George Goodwin or Jacob Bright, or either of them, to detain said Shallop or Flatt untill a permit is produced and sign'd by either of the above Gentlemen.

You are requested to give Public Notice of this to all Shallopmen.

State Navy Board,
April 25th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,	Emanuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer,	Samuel Massey,
Paul Cox,	Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)

Order'd, Thomas Casdrop & Thomas Davis to purchase what logs they shall want for building the Bridge over Schuylkill, and shou'd any refuse selling, to seize them immediately.

An Order on William Webb to Peletiah Webster, for Twenty-five pounds nine shillings and nine pence, for Old Junk & Rigging, £25 9 9.

An Order on John Maxwell Nesbit to William Webb, for Five Thousand pounds, £5,000.

John Bazelle deliver'd to Elijah Dowe, by Order of this Board, 40 ct. 3 Q. 25 lb of Iron, out Colonel Knox's Store the 21st Inst., which came from Trenton, owner Unknown; at same time deliver'd Elijah Dowe a pair of Black Smith's Bellows.

An Order on William Webb to Francis Bennet, for Two pounds nine shillings & six pence, for Sixty-six pounds of Oakum, £2 9 6.

An Order on William Webb to John Donaldson, for Two Thousand Seven Hundred & forty-seven pounds, being the purchase money for the Ship Betsey, Bought of said Donaldson by Captain Cox, £2,747.

Agreeable to an application from the Continental Navy Board, for the following Ropemakers now in the fleet, have Order'd Commodore Hazelwood to send them up:

Arthur Kanady,	Hugh McDowell,
Michael Purviance,	Bristol, (a Negro Man.)
Florance Sellivan,	Robert Crawford,
William Farley,	——— Jones,

From Mr. Tittermerry's Yard, Supposed on board the Congress Galley:

James Towl,	Joseph Bristol,

John Bell.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Knox, for Two pounds for Two Month Storage of Iron, £2.

State Navy Board,
April 26th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer.

Michael Ball, lately belonging to the Armed Boat Ranger, having apply'd for his discharge, the Board accordingly granted it.

An Order on William Webb to Michael Ball, for his wages to this Day, he being discharged as above.

An Order on William Webb to William Logan, late Gunner to the Brig't. Convention, Jno. Rice, Esq'r, Commander, for One Month's pay.

Thomas Perkins having Petitioned for a Commission, and being well recommended, the Board have appointed him to be Captain of the Fire Ship named the Hecla, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to John Smith, for Four Hundred pound, £400.

An Order on William Webb to pay Andrew Dice, ('s wife,) a private on board the Brigantine Convention, John Rice, Esq'r., Commander, half of his Month's pay.

An Order on William Webb to Abraham Mason, (Sail Maker,) for Thirty-one pounds nine shillings, in full of his Account against the Brigantine Convention, John Rice, Esq'r., Commander, £31 9.

Order'd, Captain Cristie of the Fire Sloop Vesuvius, to deliver Captain Brice of the Fire Brigantine Vulcano, a Spare Cable.

An Order on William Webb to Andrew Beck, for six pounds fifteen shillings, for 18 Days attendance as Waiter, 7/6, £6 15.

The Secretary has leave of absence till Monday Afternoon.

The Board taking into consideration the necessity of immediately Manning the Fire Ships, have

Resolved, That a bounty of Twenty Dollars be given a Boatswain and to each Seaman that shall hereafter enter on board the Fire Ships belonging to this State.

State Navy Board,
April 28th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Paul Cox, Joseph Blewer,
Samuel Massey, Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Henderson One Barrel Tar.

An Order on William Webb, to pay John Price of the Convention Galley, his Month's pay.

An Order on William Webb to Gumming Bedford, for twenty-six pounds two shillings & six pence, for Wood for the Fire Ship Strumbelo, £26 2 6.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Cowpland with Stuff for five Bed Sacks.

An Order on William Webb, for twelve pounds, in favor of Richard West for himself and Ralph Clark, being for pilotting Brig't Convention & Schooner Delaware down the River, £12.

An Order on William Webb to Philip Verntz, for Ffty pounds for Iron Bolts for the Bridge over Schuylkill, on Account, £50.

An Order on William Webb to James Bringhurst, for Sixteen pounds sixteen shillings, for One Cask Spikes, £16 16.

Joshua Steetson having applyed for a first Lieutenantcy on board the Fire Ship Hecla, which this board agreed to appoint him to the said vacancy.

An Order on Jacob Grantham to Captain Blair, for six Boards for the use of his Galley.

An Order on William Webb to Casdrop & Davis, for Four Hun dred pounds, on Account, £400.

An Order for Captain Gilbert to desire Captain Dougherty to deliver him two Swivel Guns, belonging to the Ship Montgomery.

Sir :—We have received information this day, that you have now on board the Galley under your command, one of the Fishermen, whom you detain as we apprehend, very unjustly, & this Board will by no means support the impress of any Man whatever ; therefore, we order you as soon as you receive this message, to release the Man whose name we understand is Henry Myers : And Order you likewise remove your present Station, and come down as far as the lower end of Petty's Island between the two Channels, and there lye untill further orders. And also you are to appear at this board to-morrow Morning at ten o'clock.

To Capt. William Webb, Esq'r, of the Experiment Galley.

Gentlemen :—This board having occasion for half a dozen Kedge Anchors, wou'd esteem it a favor if you'l permit Daniel Offley (who is in your employ) to furnish them with the above number, and this board will, whenever it lies in their power, return the favor.

To The Honorable the Continental Navy Board.

State Navy Board,
April 29*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Paul Cox, Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)

An Order on William Webb to Elijah Dow, for Ten pounds, on Account, £10.

An Order on William Webb to Lewis Grant, for six pounds two shillings & Six pence, in full of his Account, £6 2 6.

Jonathan Braman being recommended by Captain Houston as a proper person for second Lieutenant of the Warren Galley, the Board gave him a Commission, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Martin, of the Guard boat Lyon, with forty yards sacking for the use of his men, and half a Raw Hide [to] leather his oars.

An Order on William Webb to James McNight, for Four pounds five shillings, in full for sundry men's work on board y'e Fire Ship Hecla, Thomas Perkans, Esq'r, Commander, £4 5.

Deliver'd Abraham Mason (April 11, Inst.) seventy yards Ozenbrigs, for the use of the Brigantine Convention.

Deliver'd Captain Charles Lawrence, of the Guard Boat Salamander, (April 15, Inst.,) four Blankets, for the use of his Men.

Deliver'd John Harrison (April 15, Inst.) Twenty-three Blankets, for the use of the Brigt. Convention.

Deliver'd John William Annis, four peices Sail Duck, No. 7, 154 yards, for the use of Seven Armed Boats, April 21, Inst.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Craig, of the Accommodation Sloop Hetty, with some things in his Indent.

State Navy Board,
April 30*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox,
Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb to William Bradford, for Four pounds fifteen shillings & six pence, for 4 Eleven Inch, 2 Ten Inch, 3 nine Inch, and 1 Six Inch files, which he paid Joel Lane for, £4 15 6.

An Order on William Webb to Francis Grice, for Thirty-one pounds seven shillings & six pence, for 1,319 feet of 2½ Pine plank, @40/ ℔ hundred, for the Chevaux de Frize, & rafting the same, £31 7 6.

An Order on William Webb to Isaac Snowden, for Eleven pounds seven shillings & Six pence, for Hides, £11 7 6.

An Order on William Webb to William Skilling, for Ten Shillings, for repairing a Camboose, £0 10.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Six Brushes, for the use of the fire Ships.

An Order on William Webb to Sacheverel Wood, for Thirteen pounds fifteen Shillings & four pence, for wood and sundries supply'd the Board going down to Fort Island, £13 15 4.

Captain John Webb, of the Experiment Galley, having solicited to resign his Commission, the Board accordingly granted it, and appointed John Harrison, Esq'r, (late Captain of the Guard boat Repulse,) to take Command of said Galley.

State Navy Board,
May 1*st*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,	Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer,	Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre,	Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Crispin, Commissary, to supply Captain Thompson & his men of the Guard Boat Draggon, with their Rations.

£37 10. An order on William Webb to Richard Wells, for Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, for one Month's Wages of himself & two boys.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Wade, for Twenty-eight pounds ten shillings, for Building & raising Chevaux de Frizes at Billingsport, last Summer, £28 10.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Richard Wells with a Jack for his Boat.

An Order on William Webb to Arthur Donaldson, for One Hundred and fifty pounds, on Account, £150.

An Order on William Webb to Captain Thomas Perkans, Esq'r, of the Fire Ship Hecla, for Fifty-two pounds ten shillings, being One Hundred and Twenty Dollars Bounty for Ten Men, and Twenty Dollars Bounty for Boatswain, £52 10.

An Order on William Crispin, Commissary, to supply Captain Francis Gilbert & his men of the Guard Boat Thunder with their Rations.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Crofts, for Five pounds fourteen shillings and nine pence, in full for Stores, Colours put on board the Schooner Delaware, £5 14 9.

An Order on William Crispin, Commissary, to supply Capt. Lisle and his men of the Guard Boat Resolution, with their Rations.

An Order on William Webb to Frederick Kisselman, for Twenty-six pounds fourteen shillings in full, for 514 ℔s. Beef, @ 1/ ℔ ℔, and half Cord Hickory Wood, for the use of the Brigantine Convention and Schooner Delaware, £26 14.

An Order on William Webb, to pay the Wife of John Doyle, (Steward on board the Brigantine Convention, John Rice, Esq'r, Commander,) the full of his wages from March 27, 1777, the time he entered on board said Brigantine.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Francis Bennet, Two pounds Seventeen shillings and nine pence, for 77 ℔s. Oakum, £2 17 9.

An Order on William Webb, in favor Christian Fiss, for Five Pounds Seventeen Shillings and One penny, for Bread, Cheese & Beer, for Ship Montgomery, while heaving down, £5 17 1.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Beasley with some things in his Indent.

Resolved, That Mr. Marsh procure Logs to build some more Chevaux de Frizes.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Myers, for Thirty-four pounds five shillings and six pence, to pay the Blacksmiths at Fort Island, £34 5 6.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver John Annis 16 yards Bagging to Compleat Captain Brown's Aunin.

State Navy Board,
May 2d, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,	Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer,	Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre,	Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)

James Glasgow having Petition'd & being well recommended, the Board have appointed him to the first Lieutenancy of the Experiment Galley, gave him his Commission and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to Sam'l Skillin, for Eight pounds for Carving a Sea Nymph for Brigantine Convention, and a pair of Badges for Schooner Delaware, £8.

An Order on John M. Nesbitt to William Webb, paymaster, for Five Thousand pounds, £5,000.

An Order on William Webb, in favor William Johnston, for One month's pay, his time being expired on board the Putnam Battery.

An Order on William Webb to Gunning Bedford, for One Hundred & fifty pounds, on acco't, £150.

An Order on William Webb to Barbary Campbell, for her Husband's wages, who Inlisted March 29th, 1777, and Died 23d April following.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Brown, of the Guard Boat Brimstone, with Twenty-five Rounds Grape Shot ready made up.

State Navy Board,
May 3d, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,	Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer,	Paul Cox,
Samuel Massey,	Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)

An Order on William Webb to Steel & Newman, for Ninety-four pounds seventeen shillings & three pence, in full of their Account against the Fire Brigt. Vulcano, £94 17 3.

Samuel Lyon being Appointed first Lieutenant of the Dickinson Galley, the 7th April last, and having done his Duty on board said Galley from that time, the Board gave him his Commission, dated it the 7th April, 1777, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb, to pay James Wiley One Month's pay, his time being up on board the Putnam Battery, deducting fifty-five shillings for a pair of Leather Breeches.

An Order on William Webb to Commodore John Hazelwood, for Thirteen pounds ten shillings, being Thirty-six Dollars, bounty for three men, Recruited by Captain Hance, £13 10.

An Order on William Webb to John Huddle, for One hundred pounds on Account, £100.

The Board have wrote a Letter this day to John Hubley, Esq'r, at Lancaster, desiring he wou'd send them Two Tons Hemp with the utmost Expedition.

Captain Alexander Henderson, of the Dickinson Galley, Appear'd at the Board, and said he wou'd not Obey the Orders that Came from Commodore Hazelwood. He was told by the Chairman that he must Obey or Resign, on which he deliver'd up his Commission, which the Board Accepted.

State Navy Board,
May 5th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,	Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer,	Manuel Eyre,
Samuel Massey,	Joseph Marsh.

Deliver'd Captain Houston, of the Warren Galley, Twenty-four Jackets, six pair shoes and One dozen shirts, for the use of his Men.

The Board have appointed Lauchlan McClean to be Captain of the Dickinson Galley, in the Room of Captain Henderson, who has resign'd; Gave him his Commission, & swore him Accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Townsend, for Thirty-seven pounds thirteen shillings for his & men's wages to the first May Inst., on Board the Sloop Industry, £37 13.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Brown of the Putnam Battery, with One Box Candles.

An Order on William Webb to Reese Meredith, for Twenty-six pounds nine Shillings & Eleven pence, for 33 Barrs Iron, wt., 10 0 22, @ 52/6 ℔ Ct., d'd Elijah Dow, the 19th April last, £26 9 11.

An Order on William Webb, to Joseph Wade, of the State Sloop, for Thirty-two pounds, being for Wages for himself & people to the 5th Inst., £32.

The following Letter was sent to Commodore John Hazelwood:

Sir:—The board this Day took into their consideration, what they propose to do with the Ship Montgomery, Hugh Dougherty, Esq'r, Commander, have come to the following determination:

That she shall be immediately fitted out as a Guard Ship, to mount sixteen nine pounders, which are already proved and lye in the State House Yard; the Carriages lay on Huddle's wharfe, which we desire you to inspect.

You will on receipt of this, issue your Orders to Capt. Dougherty to take in what Ballast will be necessary, and to equip the Ship with every necessary article, as also procure his hands with all possible Expedition.

On Complaint of Mary Barnes, that Captain Thompson of the Guard Boat Draggon, has enlisted Duncan M'Kinsey, a Servant belonging to her, this board Order'd said servant to be released.

An Order on William Webb to William Stewart and Orpheus Keemer, for Twenty pounds in full of Eighty pearch of Stone, for the use of sinking the Chevaux de Frize at Billings Port, £20.

An Order on William Webb to Robbins, Dunn & Hale, for Five hundred and & Twenty-one pounds One shilling & 3½, balance of their Account, £521 1 3½.

An Order on William Webb to Dunn & Hale, for One hundred & seven pounds Eleven shillings & ten pence, in full of their Account, £107 11 10.

An Order on William Webb to pay Hill & Marret, Two hundred & forty-two pounds Eighteen shillings & 10, in full of their Account, £241 18 10.

An Order on William Webb to Lewis Grant, for Ten pounds five shillings, for Tinning, patching & making a new Cover for the Copper on board the Arnold Battery, and a Gun Ladle and Swelve for the Armed Boat Lyon, £10 5.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Gilbert, of the Armed Boat Thunder, Forty-Eight yards Sacking for the use of his Men.

An Order on William Webb to pay William Robinson, sixteen Days' pay, his time being up on board the Putnam Battery, William Brown, Esq'r, Commander.

State Navy Board,
May 6th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,
Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre,
Samuel Massey,
Paul Cox.
Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)

SIR:—We received your Letters, and Observe their Contents, must leave you to act (with respect to the Boats) consistent with your own judgment, and as to the place where you are fix'd, if you find it will not answer the end of procuring the earliest Intelligence without fixing a Horse at the Trap, you must procure one for that purpose, or at any other place as you think proper; and when you write to Major Fisher, please to desire him to direct his messages to us, by the form following: "To the State Navy Board."

You may consult Major Fisher about replacing the Boat that's lost, and if it can be practicable to keep up the intelligence by water, by all means do it. Likewise be pleased to inform Major Fisher, we should be glad to hear from the Guard Boats, what they are about, and what service they are performing; as also we desire you to let us know, from time to time, what Rice and Roach are doing.

To Capt. Leeson Simmons, at Port Penn.

SIR:—Last Evening we received a letter by Express from Henry Fisher, Esq'r, at Lewistown, advising of the Ship Roebuck making her way up the Bay, as also two other ships being up the Bay; and from this manuvre of his Majesties Pirates, we are apprehensive that they intend up to procure water. As soon as you receive this, you will order all the Officers under your Command immediately to repair to their Stations, to hold themselves in readiness in case of Emergency.

To Commodore John Hazelwood.

An Order on William Webb to Hill and Marret, for Three pounds Six shillings & two pence, in full of their Account against the Ammunition Sloop, Captain Wert, and the Guard Boat Porcupine, Capt. Tatnall, £3 6 2.

An Order on William Webb to Casdrop & Davis, for six hundred pounds on Account, £600.

An Order on William Webb to Emanuel Eyre, for One pound Twelve Shillings & Six pence, in full for a step for the Experiment Galley, and One and a half Day's work of George Streaton, £1 12 6.

An Order on William Richards & Robert Towers, to supply Captain Hardy, of the Guard Boat Terror, with the sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Beasly, of the Guard Boat Viper, with Forty yards Sacking, for the use of his men.

An Order on William Webb to John Christie, Esq'r, Commander of the Fire Brigt. Vesuvius, for Fifteen pounds, being Forty Dollars, Bounty for two Seamen shipped by him, and to be charg'd to Commodore Hazelwood, £15.

The Board have appointed Mr. Dickinson Surgeon Mate to Doctor Dunlap, in the fleet belonging to this State.

SIR:—The board desires you will have one of the Guard Boats ready to-morrow morning early, to take Doctor Dunlap, and a mate, down to Reedy Island, to go on board the Brigt. Convention and Schooner Delaware. You are to order the Boats to Attend Doctor Dunlap and bring him up. Mr. Dickinson, the Mate, will be ready early in the morning, and the Guard Boat is to take Doctor Dunlap on board from the Hospital. Let the Chairman know when the Boat will be ready, & he will desire Mr. Dickinson to attend.

To Commodore Hazelwood.

CAPTAIN RICE:—It is with great surprize the board rece'd your Letter this day, dated yesterday, informing that your Shot would not fit your Twelve-pounders, and you were hurried away, that you had not time to examine.

We think you have been two months fitting out, had repeated orders from the Commodore to be ready to sail at a minute's warning. You had orders to sail afterwards on a certain day, still your Vessel was detained. You had orders to have everything compleat, and now, after being down near a month, you say the shot will not fit.

Your Conduct is unpardonable, and if any misfortune happens for want of Stores, you shall answer for it.

If you are not Compleatly fit for action, you are immediately to return to Chester and wait on this Board.

To Capt. John Rice.

State Navy Board,
May 7th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Manuel Eyre, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)

An Order on William Webb to Timothy Clark, for Fifty-one pounds sixteen shillings, in full for 74 Logs, @ 14/ ℔ Log, received by John Smith for the use of the Chevaux de Frize, £51 16.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Daniel Mills One Month's pay, his time being up on board the Putnam Battery, deducting fifty-five shillings for a pair of Leather Breeches.

An Order on William Webb to Adam Ekart, for Thirty-seven pounds Eight shillings & ten pence, in full for 6,808 feet Boards and plank, £5 10 ℔ M., bought of him by Gunning Bedford, £37 8 10.

Order'd, Anthony Cuthbert to make, with the utmost Expedition, sundry Spars, &c., for the Schooner Delaware, and to furnish the Board with an Account thereof.

An Order on William Webb to Bowyer Brooks, for Two hundred & fifty-five pounds Two shillings & three pence, in full for Building two Guard Boats, for Captain Rew & Captain Thompson, and sundry Oars, Sweeps, &c., ℔ account, £255 2 3.

An Order on William Webb to Thos. Fitz Gerald, (Blockmaker,) for one hundred & forty pounds five shillings & four pence, in full of his Account against the Galleys and different Vessells belonging to this State, £140 5 4.

£45. An Order on William Webb to William Burnce, for Forty-five pounds in full, for Twelve Spars for the use of the Chevaux de Frize, at Billings Port.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Dean Simmons a Quantity of Tallow, not exceeding Twelve hundred weight, which he is to make Candles of, @ 5d. ℔ ℔.

Order'd, That Captain Brown, of Putnam Battery, let Peter Brown have Benjamin Hall, a Blacksmith, now on Board, to make some Anchors for the fleet; at the same time he being always ready at Capt. Brown's call.

State Navy Board,
May 8th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Potts, of the Bull Dog Galley, with one Gallon of Oil, a Jug & four pound white Lead.

An Order on William Webb to Derick Cooper, for Three pounds, for four Sash lights, 8 by 16, @ 15/ ₱ Light, for the Fire Ship Hecla, £3.

An Order on William Webb to George Janeway, for One Hundred and forty pounds five shillings, in full for Two Cables brought down from Trenton & put into Richard's Store, the beginning last January. Since which one has been put on Board the Delaware Galley—w. 7 1 0, @ £6 ₱ Ct., - - - - £43 10 0

One ditto, deliver'd Arthur Donaldson, for the Chevaux de Frize, at Billingsport—w. 14 9 14, @ do., - - 84 15 0

Allowed Twelve pounds, being expenses attending the above from Brunswick to Philadelphia, - - 12 00 0

£150 5 0

An Order on William Webb, in favor of Captain Alexander Henderson for Eight pounds three shillings & nine pence, being a Ballance due for Expences in recruiting Men, ₱ Account, £8 3 9.

An Order on William Webb to James Wharton, for One Hundred & Twenty-seven pounds Eighteen shillings & 2d, in full for two Cables, &c., for the use of the Chevaux de Frize, deliver'd by Order of the Council of Safety, £127 18 2.

An Order on Jacob Myers, at Fort Island, to supply Colonel Jones with some Iron work that he stands in need of for Billingsport.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Rue, Captain of the Guard Boat Fire Brand, for Twelve pounds, being Bounty for Twelve Men he recruited, and seven shillings and six pence, being for the Porterage of the Ammunition for his Boat, £12 7 6.

State Navy Board,
May 9th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh,
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb to Elijah Dow, for Twenty-five pounds on Account, £25.

Order'd, Thomas Aptie, Work-house keeper, to deliver to Lieutenant Thomas Fell of the Arnold Battery, John Fitzpatrick & Thomas Preston, now in said Aptie's Custody.

An Order on William Webb to James Stewart, for Three pounds fifteen shillings, for fifteen perches of Stone for the use of the Chevaux de Frize at Billingsport, @ 5/ ₱ perch, £3 15.

An Order on William Webb to Mary Bennet, for Two pounds five shillings for 60 lbs Oakum, 9d, £2 5.

William Martin being well recommended by Captain Thomas Moore, of the Hancock Galley, to be his first Lieutenant, the Board gave him his Commission, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to Ebenezer Massey, for Fifteen pounds Twelve shillings & Six pence, for Twenty-five days Attendance as Secretary, £15 12 6.

An Order on William Webb to Francis Gilbert, of the Guard Boat Thunder, for nine pounds, being Twenty-four dollars, Bounty for Two Men recruited by him, & charg'd to Commodore Hazelwood, £9.

An Order on William Webb to Charles Woolfall, for Twenty pounds on Account, £20.

State Navy Board,

May 10*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh,
Paul Cox. Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre.

SIR :—The Board received yours with an Indent of sundries you mention'd. We call'd Captain Eyres, who was surprized at the Quantity of Rigging you wanted, as he immagined the Schooner was compleat in all her Stores, &c.

By Captain Wirt we have sent down the Spars you wanted, and One Coil Two Inch Ropes, One Coil of One & a-half Inch, One Coil of Twelve Thread, and One Coil of Nine thread Ratlines.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Allen, for Thirty pounds, for Twelve Cords wood for the use of the Fire Ship Hecla, £30.

This day Agreed to give Ebenezer Massey seventeen shillings and six pence ℔ day as Secretary.

An Order on William Webb to Philip Wirt, for Five pounds three shillings & nine pence, for three Cords Hickery Wood and sawing, and repairing a Camboose, £5 3 9.

An Order on William Richards to George Wirt, to supply him with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain York, of the Cambden Galley, with his Indent.

An Order on Robert Towers to supply Capt. Rice, of the Brigt. Convention, with such shot as he may want, and some Cartridge paper.

An Order on William Webb to John Pringle, for Sixty-nine pounds One shilling, in full for Junk, &c., Bought of him, £69 1.

An Order on William Webb to Warwick Coats, for Eighty pounds seventeen shillings & Six pence, in full of his Account against the fire Ship Hecla, £80 17 6.

An Order on William Webb to John Worrel, for Twenty-two pounds five shillings, for wood for the Ballast of the Fire Ship Hecla, £22 5.

An Order on William Webb to Shippen & Fisher, for nine pounds One shilling & six pence, in full of their Account, £9 1 6.

An Order on William Richards, to supply John Smith with One Coil 3½ Inch Rope.

Order'd, Thomas Dewees, Jailor, to deliver a Certain James Hettry (who was put into his Custody as a Deserter) to Philip Wirt.

An Order on William Webb to David Thomson, for Five pounds five shillings, for 35 days Wharfage of the Fire Ship Strombolo, £5 5.

The Secretary has leave of Absence till Monday afternoon.

An Order on Robert Towers, for a Gun for the Putnam Battery, Captain Brown.

An Order on William Webb to Mrs. Ann King, for seventeen pounds twelve shillings, £17 12.

The following Letter was wrote to Captain Rice & Captain Roach, Esq'rs:

GENTLEMEN:—The Board receiv'd a Letter from Capt. Roach, requesting Liberty for some fresh Provisions.

We would desire you to consult Capt. Leeson Simmons, where is the most likely place to get it, and to agree with some person on the best terms to supply your Vessells with fresh provisions, agreeable to your rations, three days in the week, and draw on this board for same, which shall be paid.

SIR:—The Board concur in opinion with you, that the Boats below you are of little use, and ought to be laid aside. We therefore beg you will, with the utmost expedition consult Major Fisher, and lay such a plan that the Intelligence may be quickly conveyed to Reedy Island or Bombay Hook as you shall think most desirable. We rely on your Judgments in this affair and hope it will be done with dispatch.

State Navy Board,
May 12*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Paul Cox.
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Joseph Blewer.

An Order on William Webb to pay Robert Wade, Twenty-eight pounds ten shillings, being for wages on Board the Black Duck, £28 10.

An Order on William Richards & Robert Towers, to supply Capt. Brown with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to pay Capt. Alexander, the pay due John Story, on board the Dickinson.

An Order on William Webb to pay Capt. William Richards, Three Hundred & Twenty-four pounds 18/ 1½, in full of his Account, £324 18 1½.

An Order on William Webb to pay Capt. John Brice, Thirteen pounds Ten shillings, for Bounty, for the Brig't Volcano, by Order of Commodore John Hazelwood, £13 10.

An Order on William Webb to Jeremiah Simons for Eighteen pounds fifteen shillings, being fifty dollars for the use of the Arnold Battery, Bounty, &c., £18 15.

Joseph Robinson being well recommended by Capt. Houston, to be his first Lieutenant of the Warren Galley, the Board gave him his Commission & swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to Samuel Swirt, for Three pounds six shillings, in full of two Dozen Ink powder, @ 33/ ℔ doz., £3 6.

An Order on William Richards, to supply John Mitchell of the Armed Boat Ranger, with the Sundries contain'd in his Indent.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Thomas Hazelwood of the Armed Boat Fame, with the Sundries contain'd in his Indent.

A Request was made to James Wharton and Nathaniel Falconer, for the loan of One hundred Sheets of Tin and One Hundred & Twenty pairs of horn, promising to return them as soon as possible.

An Order on William Webb to Archibald Moffett, for Sixty-one pounds, for Flat hire of sixty-eight days @ 15/, and Damages Allowed, £61.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Thompson, for Eleven pounds for recruiting Eleven Men for the Armed Boat Ranger, £11.

Captain John Rice, of the Schooner Delaware, having requested of the Honorable the President of the Supreme Executive Council to resign his Commission, The Board Coincided and granted it accordingly.

State Navy Board,
May 13*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh,
Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Capt. Robert Collings, (by Order of Henry Fisher,) for Two Hundred and Sixty-seven pounds, £267.

An Order on William Webb to Capt. Robert Collings, for Ten pounds and three pence, for 45 yards Canvas d'd Capt. Murphy, and 30 yards ditto delivered Captain Charles Lawrence, £10 0 3.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Betterton, for One Hundred and five pounds four shillings, for sundry articles of Cooperage deliver'd in the Store, £105 4.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Edward Pole Fifteen shillings, for two Powder horns, £0 15.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Marsh, for Two hundred pounds five shillings & two pence half penny, being the Ballance of his Account, £200 5 2½.

State Navy Board,
May 14*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Simons with 100 ℔s Nails, 500 Pump Tacks & 12 ℔ Whipping Twine, for the use of the Arnold Battery.

An Order on William Webb to John Ross, for nine pounds, for an Iron Camboose, Bought of him by Captain Harrison, for the Experiment Galley, £9.

An Order on William Richards, to Deliver Captain John Harrison an old Studden Sail, for the use of the Experiment Galley.

An Order on William Webb to David Cumming, for six pounds, for Twelve large Tinn Lanthorns, £6.

An Order on William Webb to Richard Lindall, for Fifteen shillings, for Haleing two loads shot for the Arnold Battery, £0 15.

An Order on Captain McLain, to deliver Captain John Rice, of the Brigantine Convention, four Swivel Guns.

Deliver'd Captain Thomas Moore one piece of Sail Duck, No. 3, 40 yards, and One dozen Sailors Jackets, for the use of the Hancock Galley.

Captain John Rice having solicited to be reinstated to the Command of the Brigantine Convention, and upon promising, for the future, to be Assiduous and well behaved, the Board returned him his Commission.

State Navy Board,
May 15*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh,
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Crispin, to supply Captain Perkans and his Men, of the Fire Ship Hecla, with Provisions.

An Order on William Richards and Robert Towers, to supply Captain Perkans, of the Fire Ship Hecla, with his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Elijah Dow, for Twenty pounds on Account, £20.

Joseph Gamble (one of the Chevaux de Frize Pilots) appear'd before the Board this Day, and declared that he wou'd never Pilot another Vessel, let the consequence be what it will.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Granthan, for Thirty pounds on account, £30.

An Order on William Webb to John Knox, for Nine pounds Eleven shillings & three pence, for Rum supply'd the Ship Montgomery last November, when she was Caulking, £9 11 3.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Andrew Mekenison Twenty-two days pay on board the Putnam Battery, William Brown, Esq'r, Commander, his time being up, deducting 15/ for a pair Shoes, and 15/ for a pair Stockings.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Congea, for Twelve pounds sixteen shillings & six pence, in full for sundries put into Richards' Store, £12 16 6.

Captain William Allen having Petition'd the Board for the Command of the ship Montgomery, and being well known, they Accordingly Appointed him.

SIR:—The board received yours, and are pleased with the disposition you are making of the fleet.

We have sent to look for a Pilot, which shall be dispatched as soon as possible. The flat Bottomm'd boats shall be dispatched as soon as hands can be got.

To Commodore Hazelwood.

State Navy Board,
May 16*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Blewer,
Paul Cox, Manuel Eyre.
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to pay Johnson & Tittermary, Two hundred and ninety-four pounds four shillings and three pence, for Rigging, £294 4 3.

An Order on William Webb to pay Philip Verntz, Fifty pounds, on Account, £50.

Wrote Commodore Hazelwood the following Letter, vizt:

SIR:—We request you will, with all expedition, proceed down the River with the fleet under your Command, to such distance as you shall think prudent, and if the Enemy shou'd come up so high as you think they may be Attack'd, we desire it may be done. Leaving the management to your prudence, we heartily wish you success.

We sent off yesterday, Michael Dawson to Derby Creek, and this morning, Matthew Strong and William Ross to take Charge of the fire Vessells at the Island. On board the Schooner, you will find 13 Barrels Pork, 13 of Beef, 30 of Bread, and two Hogsheads Rum. The Guard Boats that are in Town shall be hurried off.

An Order on William Richards & Robert Towers, to supply Captain Cowpland of the Guard Boat Hawk, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Dean Timmons, for Twenty-seven pounds Eighteen Shillings & 1½, in full for Making 1,135½ ℔s. Candles, @ 5d ℔ ℔, and twenty Boxes, @ 4/ each, £27 18 1½.

An Order on William Crispin, Esq'r, Commiss'y, to deliver Captain Martin Wirt, Twenty Barrels Bread, two Hogsheads Rum and nine Bushels Potatoes.

£16. An Order on William Webb to Joseph Hutton, for Sixteen pounds, for a Boat for the use of the Accommodation Sloop Hetty, Capt. James Craig.

£13 14. An Order on William Webb to pay John Hellings, Thirteen pounds fourteen shillings, for 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 ℔s. Bar Iron, deliver'd Jacob Myers at Fort Island.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Condy, for Eight pounds, for Two Telescopes supply'd Capt. Boyce & Capt. Cristie, £8.

An Order on William Webb to Edward Pole, for Fifteen shillings, for two powder horns, £0 15.

An Order on William Webb to Lewis Trimble, for Thirteen pounds four shillings & two pence, in full for 2,014 feet of Boards, @ 12/ ℔ hundred, and Thirty Offill pieces @ 9d. each, sold Gunning Bedford, £13 4 2.

An Order on William Webb to Martin Pendergast, for Forty-two pounds six shillings & 3d, in full for sundries put into the store that Jacob Grantham has the care of, £42 6 3.

State Navy Board,
May 14*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, William Bradford, (on duty,)
Paul Cox, Emanuel Eyre, do.,
Joseph Marsh.

Deliver'd Capt. Gilbert, of the Guard Boat Thunder, 3 Blankets and 20½ yards Blanketing.

Order'd, William Richards to supply Captain Cowpland with 5 yards Canvass for his Am. Chest and harness Tub.

An Order to Robert Towers, requesting him to inform this Board what Quantity of Eighteen pound Catriges is fill'd for the use of the Galleys.

State Navy Board,
May 19*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh,
Manuel Eyre, Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Marsh, for Sixty-four pounds, for 25 Pine logs he Bought for the use of the Chevaux de Frize at Billingsport, £64.

An Order on William Webb to Bowyer Brooks, for Forty-six pounds twelve shillings and six pence, for 9 Galley sweeps and Fifty Short Oars, £46 12 6.

An Order on William Webb, to pay John Ransea Two pounds ten shillings, for Lodging five Men belonging to Capt. Martin, of the Guard Boat Called the Lyon, £2 10.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Watkins, of the Guard Boat Brimstone, five Oars.

An Order on William Webb to Bryon Connely, for four pounds, in full for Haleing 24 Gun Carriages and some Logs, for the Province Ship, £4.

An Order on Captain Richards, to supply Captain Garland, of the Chatham Galley, with the sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Casdrop & Davis, for Four Hundred & Eight pounds seven shillings and six pence, for Logs Contracted by Thomas Davis with Simon Westfal and Company, by Order of the Council of Safety, for the Building of the Bridge over the River Schuylkill, £408 7 6.

An Order on William Webb to Casdrop & Davis, for One Hundred and sixty-eight pounds Ten Shillings, for 28 Logs, for the use of the Chevaux de Frize at Billingsport, £168 10.

The Board have appointed Nicholas Himan to be Master and Pilot of the Brigantine Convention, and to Allow him Forty-two Dollars ℔ month.

An Order on William Webb to Henry Miller, for Sixteen shillings and three pence, for sealing wax and waffers, which Andrew Beck Bought of him, £16 3.

State Navy Board,
May 20*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Stuart and Keemer, for Eighteen pounds fifteen shillings, for seventy-five perch of stone they brought from Butcher's Quarry, on Schuylkill, for the use of the Chevaux de Frize at Billingsport, £18 15.

An Order on William Webb to John Wisemonger, for Four pounds sixteen shillings, for 8,000 pump nails put into the provincial Store, @ 12/ ℔ M., £4 16.

An Order on William Webb to Gunning Bedford, for One Hundred & fifty pounds on Account, £150.

An Order on William Webb to William Salsbery, for Fifty-three pounds four shillings & One penny, in full of his Account, £53 4 1.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Crofts, for seven pounds Twelve shillings and six pence, for Painting the Guard Boat Thunder, £7 12 6.

An Order on William Webb to William Thomas, for seven pounds Ten shillings, for Clearing Donaldson's Wharfe and Haleing an Eighteen pounder from Huddle's Wharfe to the Distilhouse, £7 10.

State Navy Board,
May 21*st*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Blewer,
Paul Cox, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Manuel Eyre.

The Board have appointed Andrew Higgins to be Pilot on Board the Schooner Delaware, & to Allow him Forty-two Dollars ℔ month.

An Order on William Webb to Edward Pole, for Fifteen shillings, for Two Cannon Powder Horns, £0 15.

An Order on William Webb to John Williams, for Forty-three pounds nineteen shillings, for Forty-one Boat Oars, 816 feet, @ 10d, and nine Galley Oars, 199 feet, @ 1/, £43 19.

An Order on William Webb to Lewis Grant, for Seventeen pounds Twelve Shillings and six pence, in full of his Account, £17 12 6.

An Order on William Webb to James Brown, for Twenty-one pounds Ten Shillings, Ballance due him for recruiting and Shipping his Men, &c., ℔ account, £21 10.

State Navy Board,
May 22*d*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Joseph Blewer.

£4 9. An Order on William Webb to Robert Bass, for Four pounds nine shillings, for Medicine procur'd by Doctor Rush, for the service of the Men belonging to the Armed Boats, while said Rush attended them.

An Order on William Webb to Elijah Dow, for Forty pounds on Account, £40.

An Order on John Parrock, to deliver Hemp put into his Store by John Hide from Trenton, to Johnson & Tittermary.

An Order on William Webb to Emanuel Eyre, for Two pounds; for his and Mr. Bradford's Expences going down to the fleet at Chester and Hook, the 17th Instant, May, £2.

An Order on John Parrock, to deliver Stacy Hepbourn, One Ton of Hemp out of his Store.

Order'd, Commodore Hazelwood, to send for John Shee, a Private on board the Schooner Delaware, and when come, to attend the Board.

An Order on William Webb to Francis Gilbert, for seven pounds ten shillings, Ballance due him for Bounty and shipping his Men, ℔ Account, £7 10.

An Order on William Webb to Captain Wiliam Lyell, for Fifteen pounds seventeen Shillings and six pence, Ballance due him for Bounty & Expences, enlisting his Men, ℔ Account, £15 17 6.

State Navy Board,
May 23*d*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Blewer,
Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre.

Deliver'd Captain George Garland, of the Chatham Galley, the 19th Inst., (May,) out of the Lodge Store, Two dozen Shirts, One dozen pair Shoes, and Six Jackets, for the use of his Men.

Deliver'd Lawrence Larson, second Lieutenant of the Schooner Delaware, the 19th Inst., (May,) Twelve Shirts and Six Blue Jackets, for the use of her Men.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Robert Tatnall of the Armed Boat Porcupine, with the sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to pay Valentine Suaks, Four pounds Ten shillings, for a Fish House Erected at Mantua Creek, £4 10.

An Order on William Webb to Master and Lawrence, for Seventy-six pounds ten shillings, for Fifty-one Red Oak Hogsheads, d'd J. Grantham, at Thirty shillings each Hogshead, £76 10.

Robert Collings having apply'd to be made first Lieutenant of the Ship Montgomery, and being well known, the Board gave him his Commission and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Brown of the Putnam Battery, five Gallons of Oil.

State Navy Board,

May 24th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Blewer,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Francis January Fifty-four pounds, for 540 ℔s. Chain for the Fire Ships, @ 2/ ℔ ℔., £54.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Jacob Grantharn One of the Sails in the Store, for the use of the Fire Rafts.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Marsh, for Thirty-three pounds, for Thirty-three Pine Logs Bought of Azariah Orin, for the use of the Chevaux de Frize at Billingsport, £33.

State Navy Board,

May 26th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply the Ammunition Sloop with some Boxes of Powder which had been taken out by the Galleys.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Lyell with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply four Cartridges for the Signal at Chester.

The Board taking into Consideration that the fire fleet wants a Pilot, have appointed Frederick Bird Pilot of said Fleet, who is, at all times, to obey the Order of the Commodore, for which he is allowed Forty-two Dollars ℔ month, and two Rations.

Jacob Bird is appointed Captain of the Sloop Defiance, in the Room of Frederick Bird, Promoted.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Henry Martin Sixteen pounds and six pence, being in full for Recruiting of Men, £16 0 6.

Deliver'd Henry Martin, of the Armed Boat Lyon, Five Blankets for the use of his Men.

An Order on David Potts, to deliver Jacob Myers One Ton of Bar Iron.

An order on William Webb to Hugh Montgomery, for Twenty-six pounds five shillings, being seventy Dollars, Bounty for Men recruited for his Gálley called the Effingham, £26 5.

Deliver'd Thomas Johnson (one of the Effingham men now sick in the Hospital) one Russia Sheeting shirt.

State Navy Board,

May 27th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*. Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Crispin, Esquire, Commissary, to supply the Chevaux de Frize Pilots with three Rations ℔ day, from the 20th Instant, May.

Alexander Campbell having Petitioned to be third Lieutenant of the Floating Battery Called the Putnam, and being well recommended, the Board gave him his Commission, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to John Bazelee, for One pound Twelve shillings and six pence, for One Gun Carriage, One Bed and One Quim, for the Armed Boat Hawke, £1 12 6.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Boyce, of the Franklin Galley, One Barrel of Tar.

An Order on William Richards, to Deliver Captain Thompson, of the Dragon Armed Boat, four Sail needles, Twelve fathoms of of 2½ Inch Rope, and One Frying pan.

State Navy Board,
May 28th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to John Hall, for fifty-four pounds fourteen shillings and One penny, in full for fresh Provisions supply'd Captains Rice and Roach at Reedy Island, ℔ Account, £54 14 1.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Brown of the Putnam Battery, Eight pounds of Lamp Black.

An Order on William Webb to Nicholas Young, for Five pounds, for a Camboose for Captain McFatrick, £5.

James Stephen having petitioned for a Second Lieutenancy on board the Ship Montgomery, and being well recommended, the Board gave him his Commission and swore him accordingly.

Resolved, That the Chevaux de Frize Pilots, do strictly Attend to the Instructions given them by the former Committee of Safety, dated November the seventh, Seventeen hundred and seventy-five, Especially the Sixth Article, for which each of them (from the Twentieth Inst., May,) shall be allowed Eighteen pounds ℔ month, with three Rations ℔ day.

An order on William Richards to John Annis, for six pieces Russia Duck, and a foresail for the use of the Schooner Lydia, Captain Philip Wirt.

An Order on Robert Towers, to deliver four Catridges of Powder, for the use of the Signal Guns at Gloucester.

State Navy Board,
May 29th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to pay William and James Stuart, seventeen pounds ten shillings, for the freight of seventy perches of Stone from Schuylkill to the Peers, for the use of the Chevaux de Frize, @ 5/ ℔ perch, £17 10.

An Order on William Webb to pay Capt. Thomas Moore, Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, for Bounty Money, ℔ order from Commodore Hazelwood, £37 10.

An Order to Jacob Grantham, to deliver Captain Harrison of the Experiment Galley, One Hundred and Fifty weight of Junk.

An Order on William Webb to Elizabeth Ross, for fourteen pounds twelve shillings and two pence, for Making Ships' Colours, &c., put into William Richards' Store, £14 12 2.

An Order on William Webb to David Potts, for Thirty-nine pounds four shillings and one penny, for Twelve hundred and seven pounds of Bar Iron, d'd Jacob Myers, @ 65/ ℔ Ct., £39 4 1.

State Navy Board,
May 30*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Manuel Eyre.

Deliver'd out of John Parrock's Store, the 22d Inst., May, to Johnson and Tittermery, 5,692 lbs. Hemp, which belonged to one Wilkinson, Rope Maker of New York, and suspected to have Robbed the Mail at Bristol, in the month of November last.

An Order on William Richards to Captain William Brown, of the Putnam Battery, for Thirty pounds of Red paint, and four Gallons of Paint Oil.

An Order on William Richards, to Deliver Captain Allen, of the Ship Montgomery, Fifteen pounds Red paint, Eight pounds of Yellow paint, Two Barrels Lamp Black, and three Gallons Flaxseed Oil.

Deliver'd Stacy Hepbourn, out of John Parrock's Store, Sixteen Hundred and Forty-two pounds Hemp, the Twenty-second Inst., May.

State Navy Board,
May 31*st*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Thomas Bryan One pound five shillings for a Coffin made for Christopher Miller, Deceas'd, (late a Private on board the Brigantine Convention,) in the month of February last, £1 5.

Deliver'd Captain William Watkins, of the Guard Boat Brimstone, five Blankets for the use of his Men.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Corgae, for Five pounds Eighteen shillings and five pence, in full for Iron work done for the Guard Boat Thunder, Capt. Francis Gilbert, £5 18 5.

An Order on William Webb to Andrew Beck, for Eleven pounds five shillings, for Thirty Days attendance as Waiter, @ 7/6, £11 5.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain William Allen, of the Ship Montgomery, Two Barrels of Tar.

State Navy Board,

June 2d, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh.

Put into William Webb's hands, by the Secretary, Five pounds Ten Shillings, being Bounty Money return'd, that a Certain John Hannigan had received of Capt'n John Harrison, of the Experiment Galley, and had been Inlisted at the same time in one of the State Company's of foot; also One pound five shillings, being a ballance received of One of Captain Brown's Men, his time being up, on board the Putnam Battery, £6 15.

An Order on Joseph Stiles, to deliver Captain William Allen Sixteen Nine pounders, which were cast on purpose for the State Ship called the Montgomery.

The Board have appointed John Willson to be Master of the State Ship Montgomery.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Myers, for Thirty-eight pounds fourteen shillings and nine pence, in full of sundry Blacksmiths' work done at Fort Island, £38 14 9.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Myers, for Twelve pounds on Account, £12.

State Navy Board,

June 3d, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer.

An Order on William Webb to Gerrardus Clarkson, for Three pounds seven shillings & six pence, for Medicine, &c., ℔ acco't, £3 7 6.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Philip Wirt with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Philip Wirt, for Two pounds five shillings, £2 5.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Brown, of the Putnam Battery, with One Box of Candles.

An Order on William Webb to Mathias Young, for Forty-seven pounds Ten shillings and six pence, in full of Painting sundry Guard Boats, &c., ℔ account, £47 10 6.

An Order on William Webb to Richard Wells, for Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, in full of One Month's wages of himself & two Boys, £37 10.

An Order on William Webb to Manuel Eyre, for Twenty-seven pounds nineteen shillings & seven pence, in full for 2,028 feet of Pine Boards, @ 20/ ℔ f't, and 154 feet of Inch Plank, @ 1/ ℔ foot, for the Arnold Battery ℔ Account, £27 19 7.

An Order on William Webb to Pearson and Shearman, for sixty-six pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, for Twenty Petards, and taking a Bullet out of a Eighteen Pounder belonging to this State, ℔ Account, £66 17 6.

State Navy Board,

June 4th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh,
Paul Cox.

Deliver'd Captain Benjamin Thomson, of the Guard Boat Draggon, six Blankets for the use of his men.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Montgomery with sundries in his Indent.

Deliver'd Captain William Lyell, of the Guard Boat Resolution, six Blankets for the use of his men.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Hardy with his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to William Thomas, for Forty-two pounds twelve shillings and one penny, in full of Iron work done for sundry Vessells belonging to the State, ℔ Account, £42 12 1.

Captain Blewer agreed with Pearson and Shearman, for Forty Howits.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Casdrop and Davis, Three Barrels of Tar, for the use of the Bridge over Schuylkill.

State Navy Board,

June 5th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Blewer, (on duty,)
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh, do.
Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Steel and Newman, for Two hundred and Twenty pounds six shillings and six pence, for making four Chains for Moorings for the Bridge over Schuylkill, wt. 2,186 ℔s., @ 2/ ℔ ℔, and Thirty-four shillings and six pence porterage of do., down to Schuylkill, £220 6 6.

An order on William Richards, to supply Captain Clark of the Fire Sloop Ætna, with his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to John Coburn, for Forty-one pounds Eleven shillings and nine pence, for sundry Men's work on board the fire Ship Strumbelo, Captain Grffith Jones, and fire Brig't Vulcano, Capt. John Brice, £41 11 9.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Simmons of the Arnold Battery, Ten yards of Canvas.

An Order on William Crispin, Commissary, to Supply Captain Rue of the Guard Boat Fire Brand, with his back rations, and Eleven of his Men with nine days' Back rations.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Rue of the Guard Boat Fire Brand, Ten fathom of Ratline and some Rope for Halliards, for the Flag Staff at Derby Creek.

State Navy Board,
June 6th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Penrose & Low, for Four pounds nineteen shillings, for a Latteen yard for the Convention Galley, and six Bouys for the Brigantine Convention, Capt. John Rice, ℔ Account, £4 19.

An Order on William Webb to Daniel Offley and Son, for Twenty-three pounds nine shillings and two pence, Ballance of their Account, £23 9 2.

Captain Blewer and Joseph Marsh, being appointed yesterday by the Board to survey the Chevaux de Frize, and to sound the Middle Channel, do report—there is sufficient water for a Vessell drawing from Twelve to Eighteen feet water.

Resolved, That Mr. Marsh be appointed to attend the building a sufficient number of Chevaux de Frize, for the Obstructing of the Middle Channel.

State Navy Board,
June 7th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre, Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to William Thomas, for Five pounds, for Haleing Ten Guns from the State House Yard to the Ship Montgomery, £5.

Resolved, That Captain Blewer and Manuel Eyre wait upon Mr. Rittenhouse, to desire him to advance the Board Ten Thousand pounds for the use of the State.

The Secretary has leave of absence till Monday afternoon.

State Navy Board,

June 9th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Blewer,
Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb, to Pay Robert Burridge his Monthly pay as second Lieutenant to the Burk Galley, he not being in the Muster a Lieutenant.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Cristie, of the Fire Brigt. Vesuvius, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb, to Pay Fredrick Bird Three pounds, being for going on board the Fire Brigt. Vesuvius on the late alarm as Pilot, £3.

£20.—An Order on William Webb, to Pay John Hide Twenty pounds for bringing down from Trenton a Quantity of Hemp, which this Board has taken possession of untill an Owner appears. Supposed to belong to One Wilkinson.

An Order on William Webb, to Pay Lewis Pankake (a Gunner on Board the Eagle Guard Boat, Capt'n Murphy) his wages.

State Navy Board,

June 10th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, to William Webb, for Five Thousand pounds, which sum is to be Accounted for by the Board to John Maxwell Nesbitt, Esq'r, £5,000.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Grantham, for Twenty-four pounds, for Two months' wages, @ £12 ℔ month, £24.

An Order on William Crispin, to deliver Jacob Grantham Twenty Gallons spirits, to distill into Spirits of Wine, for the use of the Fire Ships.

Captain Philip Wirt rece'd from Capt'n Richards 19 Barrels Beef, 6 Barrels Pork and two Barrels Bread; and from William Crispin 16 Barrels Bread and two Kegs Bread, One Barrel Rice and One Barrel Salt.

Order'd, Philip Wirt to put on board the Brigt. Convention, John Rice, Esq'r, Commander, six weeks' Provisions, vizt:

15 Barrels Beef.
5 ditto Pork.
17 ditto Bread & One Keg.
1 Tierce Rum.

Order'd, Philip Wirt to put the same quantity as above on board the Schooner Delaware, Capt. Eyres.

State Navy Board,
June 11*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh,
Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Stephen Beasly Eleven pounds Two shillings and six pence, being the Ballance of his Account for Recruiting, &c., £11 2 6.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Martin One Ten Gallon Cag.

Put into William Webb's hands, by Paul Cox, Three hundred & six pounds sixteen shillings, £306 16.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Capt's Rice and Eyres with such double head shot as they want.

An Order on William Webb to Enos Sickler, for Forty-one pounds, for Forty-one Barrels of Tarr put into Jacob Grantham's Store, £41.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Edward Yorke, of the Camden Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver to Captain Eyres of the Schooner Delaware, Fifty yards of Oznebrigs for the use of his men, which he is to pay for.

Deliver'd Captain Eyres of the Schooner Delaware, out of the Lodge Store, Twenty Jackets and Twenty Shirts for the use of his men, which he is to pay for.

An Order on William Webb to Paul Cox, for One Hundred and Thirty-four pounds nine shillings four pence half-penny, in full for sundries ℔ Bills, £134 9 4½.

Deliver'd Johnson and Tittermerry, 3,772 ℔s. of Hemp, the 4th June, Inst., and 1,603 ℔s. this day, sent by Mr. Hubley from Lancaster.

State Navy Board,
June 12*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Paul Cox.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Allen of the State Ship Montgomery, with Eight hundred nine pound shot.

An Order on William Webb to Gerardus Clarkson, for Fifteen pounds, for Medicine and Attendance to fifteen men of the Floating Battery Putnam, £15.

State Navy Board,
June 13*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Samuel Massey, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Joseph Blewer.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Cowpland with sundries in his Indent.

Requested of the Continental Navy Board, to Lend Gunning Bedford five hundred feet of Oak or Pine Plank, for the use of the Fort at Derby Creek.

An Order on William Webb to Gunning Bedford, for One hundred and Fifty pounds, on Account, £150.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Galt of the Guard Boat Argus, One Frying pan, One drink Can and One short Pendant.

Deliver'd Captain Galt of the Guard Boat Argus, Ten Blankets for the use of his men.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Allen of the State Ship Montgomery, five Coils of Cordage.

Deliver'd Captain Beasley of the Guard Boat Viper, nine Blankets for the use of his Men.

Order'd, Jacob Myers at Fort Island to supply Colonel Jones, at Billingsport, with two hands from his Shop, One pair of Bellows and some Tools, for Two or Three months.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Captain Allen of the State Ship Montgomery, a Cable that's in the Store.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Captain Allen of the State Ship Montgomery, 500 pump nails and One hammer.

An Order on Robert Towers, to deliver Capt. Allen of the State Ship Montgomery, one Hundred and Sixty Round of Grape Shot for a nine pounder.

An Order on Robert Towers, to deliver Captain Beasly One pair of Blunderbusses.

By request of General Mifflin, the Board has Order'd One Galley and six of the Guard Boats up to Bristol.

An Order on William Webb to John Cole, for One Hundred and Thirty-eight pounds 6/ 4, in full for building a Galley, and for 326 feet of Oars put into the Store, ℔ Account, £138 6 4.

Deliver'd Captain Martin of the Guard Boat Lyon, six Blankets for the use of his Men.

State Navy Board,

June 14*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,	Joseph Marsh,
Manuel Eyre,	Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer,	Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to William Richards, for One Hundred and ninety-one pounds Ten shillings, to pay the Signal Men, £191 10.

An Order on William Webb, to pay John Smith six hundred pounds, £600.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Elijah Dow One Hundred and seventy-five pounds two shillings & 11d, Ballance of his Account, £175 2 11.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Commodore Hazelwood with such Ammunition & shot as he may want for the use of the Fort at Derby Creek.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Henry Tudor Sixty-seven pounds ten shillings, for Forty-five days as Pilot on Board the Brigantine Convention, John Rice, Esq'r, Commander, £67 10.

An Order on William Webb to Captain William Allen, for One Hundred pounds, for Bounty Money for men he is to Ship for the State Vessel Called the Montgomery, £100.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Allen with what Langrage he may want, and One on Jacob Grantham, to supply him with Cordage, for the use of the ship Montgomery.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver Philip Wirt Thirty Barrels of Beef, and One on William Crispin, to deliver him as Much Bread as he can Conveniently take on board, and Two hogsheads of Rum.

An Order on William Crispin, to supply Martin Wirt, of the Ammunition Sloop, with half a Barrel Pork, and one Barrel of Bread.

State Navy Board,

June 15*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox,
Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb, to Pay Casdrop & Davis Two hundred pounds on Account, £200.

An Order on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasu'r, to William Webb, for Two Thousand pounds, £2,000.

An Order on William Webb to Commod. Hazelwood, for One hundred pounds, £100.

An Order on William Webb to Arthur Donaldson, for Five hundred pounds, £500.

An Order on William Richards, to Deliver George Wirt Thirty Barrels of Beef and all the Oars, or as Many as he can take.

In consequence of a Letter received from the Continental Navy Board, the board had a Conferrence this Day at the Coffee House.

State Navy Board,

June 16*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre, Paul Cox,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to Daniel Honnil, for six pounds nine shillings, for Two cords wood, Haleing and sawing, for the use of the State Ship Montgomery, £6 9.

An Order on William Richards, to Deliver Captain Allen One Iron Pot, for the use of the State Ship Montgomery.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Davis, for seven pounds Eight shillings and nine pence, in full of his Account against sundry Vessells belonging to this State, £7 8 9.

Deliver'd Captain Simmons, of the floating Battery Arnold, Twelve Blankets, for the use of his men, by the hands of Thomas Fell, Lieutenant.

An Order on William Richards to Capt. Hazelwood, of the Guard Boat Fame, for Six pounds of Candles, One hand Vice and One scain of twine.

Deliver'd Captain Griffith Jones, of the Fire Ship Strumbelo, six Blankets, for the use of his Men.

An Order on William Webb to Mathias Bush, for Twenty-five pounds, for Five Barrels of Vinegar deliver'd at the Provincial Store.

An Order on William Webb to James Stewart, for seven pounds ten shillings, for Thirty perches of Stone landed on Fort Island, which he brought out of Schuylkill, £7 10.

An Order on William Webb to Captain John McFatrick, for Fifty-six pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, Ballance due him in recruiting Men, ℔ Account, £56 17 6.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captains Hanse and Hardie with sundries in their Indents.

State Navy Board,

June 17*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,	Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer,	Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre,	Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)

An Order on William Webb to Abraham Hasselberg, for Nineteen pounds six shillings & six pence, for sundries put into Richards' Store ℔ Account, £19 6 6.

Deliver'd Captain Hanse of the Guard Boat Vulture, six Blankets for the use of his Men.

An Order on William Richards, to Deliver Captain Allen six provision Bags, One Box of Candles and one pint measure.

An Order on William Webb to Philip Vérntz, for One Hundred and Eighty-eight pounds Eight shillings and seven pence, Ballance of his Account against the Bridge on Schuylkill River, £188 8 7.

An Order on William Richards and Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Allen of the State Ship Montgomery, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Richards to supply Captain Hanse of the Guard Boat Vulture, with five yards of Stuff for Grape Shot.

Resolved, That Jeremiah Holden be appointed a Pilot in the State fleet, to go on board such Vessells as this Board or the Commodore may Order, he being allow'd Eighteen pounds ℔ month and three Rations a day.

Sir :—You will please to proceed down to Port Penn, and follow our former Instructions, and examine if the Boats are at their Stations, and acquaint Mr. Fisher if you can, that they are continued.

Some of the Captains, (Jackson and Brooks,) Petition'd some days ago to have their wages raised ; you will please to aquaint them it cannot be done.

To Captain Leesom Simmons.

Deliver'd Captain Robert Hardie of the Guard Boat Terror, four yards Ozenbrigs, out of the Lodge Store for the use of his Men.

State Navy Board,
June 18*th*, 1777.

Present :

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer, Manuel Eyre,
Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Captain Robert Wade, for Sixteen pounds ten shillings, for One Month's wages of himself & two men, due the 10th Inst., £16 10.

An Order on William Webb to John Duchee, for Twenty pounds, for a small Skift Joseph Marsh Bought of him, £20.

Deliver'd Captain John Mitchell of the Ranger Galley, ten Shirts, five Jackets and Twenty-five yards of Ozenbrigs for the use of his Men.

State Navy Board,
June 19*th*, 1777.

Present :

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Manuel Eyre.

Order'd, Commodore Hazelwood to deliver Peter Brown, Six Blacksmiths out of the fleet.

An Order on William Webb to Timothy Clark, for Sixty-four pounds five shillings, for Floor Timbers and Logs, and five Days work of his Team, for the use of the Chevaux de Frize, ℔ Account, £64 5.

State Navy Board,
June 20*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,	Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer,	Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre,	Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Capt. Allen, of the Ship Montgomery, with Ladles & worms.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Michael Sisk One pound Two shillings and six pence, for Masoning up the Camboose on board the Sloop Liberty, £1 2 6.

The Board received from Captain Henry Dougherty Eighteen [pounds] fifteen Shillings, being the Money he received from Commodore Seymore for the recruiting service, and paid the same into the hands of William Webb, Esq'r, paymaster to the State Navy, £18 15.

Deliver'd Captain McFatrick Twelve Blankets and ninety-six yards of Ozenbrigs, for the use of Men on board the Washington Galley.

An Order on William Webb to Andrew Beck, for seven pounds ten shillings, for Twenty days attendance on this Board, £7 10.

Deliver'd Captain Perkins, of the Fire Ship Hecla, seven Blankets, for the use of his Men.

Put into William Webb's hands, by Samuel Massey, six hundred pounds, £600.

State Navy Board,
June 21*st*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,	Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer,	Paul Cox,
Joseph Marsh,	Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver William Crispin Two Barrels of Beef, for the use of the workmen at the Chevaux de Frizes.

Resolved, That William Richards do immediately furnish this Board with an Exact Account of Every Article Belonging to this State now in his possession.

Resolved, That William Richards, with Andrew Ten Eick, and the Negro Adam, be discharg'd on the first day of July next.

The Secretary has leave of absence till Monday afternoon.

State Navy Board,
June 23*d*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Samuel Massey, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)

An Order on William Webb, to pay Muffet and Seeds One Hundred and sixty-four pounds Ten shillings and six pence, for Iron work for the Chevaux de Frize, at Billingsport, £164 10 6.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Townsend, of the Sloop Industry, with sundries for said Vessel.

An Order on William Richards, to deliver John Annis Two Bolts of Russia Duck for a Jibb for the Sloop Industry, Capt. Townsend.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Hannah Binder seven pounds ten shillings for Twenty-five Powder horns, £7 10.

State Navy Board,
June 24*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas McWaters, for Forty-nine pounds Ten Shillings, for nine Flats Load of Stone Deliver'd Arthur Donaldson for the Chevaux de Frize, and One Flat Load of Ballast for the Ship Montgomery, ℔ Account, £49 10.

An Order on William Webb to Captain Sherrard, for Six pounds nine shillings, for two Cords of wood and sawing, for the Ship Montgomery, £6 9.

An Order on William Webb to pay John Cornish, Fourteen pounds ten shillings, for Twenty-seven sets of Carriage Trucks for Ship Montgomery, £14 10.

An Order on William Webb to Johnson and Tittermary, for Two hundred and Forty-six pounds nineteen shillings and seven pence, being the Ballance of their Account, £246 19 7.

Deliver'd Captain Benjamin Rue, Twelve Blankets for the use of his Men on board the Guard Boat Fire Brand.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Wirt of the Schooner Lydia, with several articles in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Manuel Eyre, for Five pounds thirteen Shillings, for 113 feet of three inch Plank for the Arnold Battery, £5 13.

An Order on William Webb to William Richards, for Seventy-three pounds six shillings and one penny, Ballance of his Account to ye 11 Inst., June, £73 6 1.

State Navy Board,
June 25*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh,
Joseph Blewer, Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb to William Clifton, for Fifty-two pounds Ten shillings, for 700 lbs. Six Inch Spikes, for the Chevaux de Frize, £52 10.

An Order on William Richards to Jacob Myers, for One Ton of Bar Iron.

Order'd, William Webb, (Pay Master,) to Settle with Mr. John Dean, (late third Lieutenant of the Arnold Battery,) agreeable to Captain Simmons' Certificates.

An Order on William Webb to Ebenezer Massey, for Thirty-five pounds Eighteen shillings & nine pence, for 41 days' Attendance as Secretary, at 7/ 6, and 1/ 3 for laces, included ℔ Account, £35 18 9.

An Order on William Webb to Blaze Byer, for Thirty-two pounds 3/ 1½, for Two Barrels Linseed Oil, 77½ Gall's @ 8/ 3, and Porterage 3/ 9, £32 3 1½.

An Order on John Maxwell Nesbitt to William Webb, for Four Thousand Eight hundred and Twenty-five pounds, £4,825.

State Navy Board,
June 26*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Joseph Blewer, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Manuel Eyre.

Deliver'd Captain Cowpland of the Guard Boat Hawk, Twelve Blankets for the use of his Men.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Captain Allen of the Ship Montgomery, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to David Henderson, for Eighty-two pounds ten shillings, for Logs for the use of the Chevaux de Frize, £82 10.

£6. An Order on William Webb to John Parrock, for Six pounds, for six months' storage of Hemp.

An Order on William Webb to George Garland, for Nineteen pounds Eleven shillings and three pence, Ballance of his Account, £19 11 3.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Fitzgerald, (Blockmaker,) for Forty-five pounds fourteen shillings & 4, in full of his Account, against sundry Galleys & Guard Boats, £45 14 4.

An Order on William Webb to Meredith & Coburn, for One hundred and Forty-five pounds, for a Cabel, wt. 20 2 24, @ £7 ℔ Cwt., £145.

An Order on William Webb to Henry Emhard, for One pound Two shillings and six pence, for haleing two Loads of Rigging and one Anchor to Schuylkill Bridge, £1 2 6.

An Order on William Webb to James Claypole, for One pound two shillings and six pence, for three squares of Glass and stopping in the Lighthouse, for the Ship Montgomery, £1 2 6.

State Navy Board,

June 27th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*,
Manuel Eyre,
Paul Cox,
Joseph Marsh,
Samuel Massey,
William Bradford.

An Order on William Richards to Capt. Francis Gilbert, of the Guard Boat Thunder, for four Oars; at the same time deliver'd him seven Blankets for the use of his Men.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Naglee, for Twelve pounds fifteen shillings, for Fifty-one Gallons of Spirits of Turpentine for the use of sundry Vessells bel'g to this State, £12 15.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Greiner, for Five pounds Eight shillings for 18 ℔s. of 10d., and 12 ℔s. of 8d. nails deliver'd Gunning Bedford, £5 8.

An Order on William Webb to Charles Woolfall, for One hundred and fifty-six pounds Twelve shillings & six pence, in full of his Account against sundry Vessells belonging to this State, £156 12 6.

An Order on William Webb to John Smith, for Two hundred pounds on Account, £200.

Put into William Richards' Store 160 Barrs of Iron, w't 41ct. 3Q. 26℔s., Bought of Cox and Furman the 25th Inst., June.

Delivered Jacob Myers 78 Barrs of the Iron, w't 20ct. 0Q. 5℔s.

William Webb paid Samuel Massey six hundred pounds, which he Borrowed of said Massey, £600.

State Navy Board,

June 28th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*,
Joseph Blewer,
Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh,
Samuel Massey,
Andrew Caldwell,
Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb, to Pay Captain Isaac Roach Three pounds fifteen shillings, Ballance in recruiting Men for the Galley Congress, £3 15.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Honour Sullivan (the wife of James Sullivan, who was taken Prisoner the 3d of January last) half pay from the first January to the first of July.

An Order on William Webb to Jonathan Williams, for Two hundred and Twenty-four pounds nineteen shillings and four pence, for 23,702 feet of two Inch pine plank, deliver'd John Smith, for the use of the Chevaux de Frizes at B. P., 190/ ℔ M., £224 19 4.

State Navy Board,

June 30th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Joseph Blewer, Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Richards, to supply the Captain's Steward, on board the Accommodation Sloop Hetty, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to William Brown, of the Putnam Battery, for Sixty-four pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, (Fifty-five pounds of which is for recruiting Expences, Eight pounds for Two Boatswains Calls, One pound seventeen shillings and six pence for repairing a Drum and porterage of two Carriages from Brown's Shop,) £64 17 6.

An Order on William Webb, to Pay James Monks Twenty-eight Days pay due him, his time being up on board the Putnam Battery, as ℔ Capt'n Brown's Certificate.

Order'd, William Webb to settle with Commodore John Hazelwood at the rate of £13 10 ℔ mo., from December 28th, 1775, to the 1st of October, 1776; from the 1st of October, 1776, to the 15th of November, 1776, @ £16 4 ℔ mo.; and from the 15th of November, 1776, at £24 6 ℔ mo., to the 15th of April, 1777, being the date of his present Commission.

An Order on William Richards and Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Mitchell of the Ranger Galley with sundries in his Indent., at the same time deliver'd fourteen Brown holland Shirts for the use of his Men.

State Navy Board,

July 1*st*, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Richards, to supply Commodore John Hazelwood with sundries in his Indent., for his Barge.

An Order on William Webb to Hill & Marret, for One Hundred and Fifty-one pounds Eleven shillings, in full of their Account against sundry Vessels belonging to this State, £151 11.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Marshall, for Thirty-three pounds four shillings and ten pence, in full of sundry Tinwares put into William Richards' Store, £33 4 10.

An Order on William Webb to Dunn and Hale, for One Hundred and fifty-eight pounds fourteen shillings, in full of their Account against sundry Vessels, &c., £158 14.

An Order on William Webb to Richard Wells, for Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, for one month's wages of himself and two Boys, £37 10.

An Order on William Richards and Robert Towers, to supply Captain Cowpland of the Guard Boat Hawk with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to William Richards, for Thirty pounds nine shillings in full of his own, Andrew Ten Eick, and Negro Adam's wages to this date, £30 9.

State Navy Board,

July 2*d*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Myer, for Forty-five pounds and ten pence, in full of sundry Men's work at Fort Island ℔ Account, £45 0 10.

An Order on Robert Towers and Joseph Stiles, to supply Captain Perkins of the Fire Ship Hecla, with sundries in his Indent.

"IN COUNCIL,
PHILADELPHIA, *June* 25, 1777.

On motion agreed,

That the pay of the Commodore of the Navy of this State, be allow'd and paid at the rate of One hundred and Twenty-five Dollars ℔ month, inclusive of Rations.

On motion agreed,

That the pay of Capt. Hazelwood, the second in Command in the Navy in this State, be allowed and paid at the rate of One hundred dollars ℔ month, inclusive of Rations.

Extract from the Minutes.

TY. MATLACK, *Sec'y.*"

A True Copy.

E. MASSEY, *Sec'y N. B.*

The following was wrote to Henry Fisher, Esq'r, at Lewis Town

SIR :—Mr. Jackson informs us that he is in danger of being taken off from the Post he has the care of by the Enemies Barges. The board is of opinion that the Signal Boats is of no use, and ought to be discharged, which you will order to be done; the two Guard Boats, Lawrence & Murphy, we are informed have much trouble with their people. Should that be the case, are apprehensive they are in great danger, shou'd they be attack'd by the Enemies Barges, especially as the inhabitants are mostly disaffected. It's the opinion of the Board they ought to be sent up. You'l inquire into the state of those two Boats & Order them for the present as you think best.

State Navy Board,
July 3d, 1777.

PRESENT :

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh, (on duty.)

Order'd, William Webb to pay James Delebar, One month's pay, his time being up on board the Putnam Battery.

James M'Coy, second Lieutenant of the Experiment Galley, and Philip Ardel, second Lieutenant of the Effingham Galley, having been guilty of Misdemenours, were both try'd by a Court Martial and broke.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver William Watkins two Cables for the fire rafts.

State Navy Board,
July 4th, 1777.

PRESENT :

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre.
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

William Greenway and Joseph Bradford having Petition'd for Commissions, and being well recommended, they were appointed to the Command of the Guard Boats Hornett & Wasp, the Board gave them their Commissions, and swore them accordingly.

An Order on Robert Towers, Joseph Stiles and Jacob Grantham, to supply the above Captains with sundries in their Indents.

State Navy Board,
July 5th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Captain Eyres, of the Schooner Delaware, the sundries Contain'd in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Thompson, of the Guard Boat Draggon, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Capt. Hardie, of the Guard Boat Terror, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Boyce, of the Franklin Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

The Secretary has leave of absence till Monday afternoon.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Abraham Mason two pieces Sail Duck, and to charge Robert Towers with it.

State Navy Board,
July 7th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Joseph Blewer, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb to Capt. Thomas Townsend, of the Sloop Industry, for Forty-two pounds, being Two months wages of himself and three men, and Fifteen shillings for Two Scrubbing Brushes, £42 15.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Captain Robert Hardie, of the Guard Boat Terror, Three pounds Fifteen shillings, Ballance of his Bounty Acc't, ℔ Co. H'zl. Order, £3 15.

An Order on William Webb to Hugh Montgomery, for Fifteen pounds five shillings, Ballance of his Bounty and recruiting Account, £15 5.

An Order on William Webb to Capt. Stephen Beasley, for Twelve pounds, Ballance of his Bounty and recruiting Account, £12.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Capt. Clark sundries in his Indent.

Deliver'd Captain Harrison, of the Experiment Galley, Twelve Blankets, for the use of his Men.

An Order on Robert Towers, to deliver Com'e Hazelwood Three Catridges of Powder and Shot, for the use of the Gun at Reedy Island.

State Navy Board,
July 8th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Captain Brown, of the Putnam Battery, One Box of Candles, Twelve yards Russia Duck, and One Iron Bound Cask.

An Order on William Webb to Capt. John McFatrich, for One pound Two shillings and six pence, being his first Lieutenant's expences after a Deserter, £1 2 6.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Marsh, for Thirty-seven pounds five shillings, for eleven pine logs, and 2 M. 75 feet of Pine plank, for the use of the Chevaux de Frize, £37 5.

State Navy Board,
July 9th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Hugh Montgomery with 50 Fathom of 2¾ Inch Rope, for the use of the Effingham Galley.

Delivered Captain Benjamin Thompson six Blankets, for the use of his Men on board the Guard Boat Dragon.

Thomas Leppar, late Gunner of the Arm'd Boat Camden, having Petition'd this Board for a second Lieutenancy on board the Armed Boat Burke, there being a Vacancy, the Board agreed he should be promoted to said Vacancy, and having attended, was qualified and received his Commission.

Order'd, Jacob Grantham to supply Capt. Gilbert with 20 Fathom of 2 Inch Rope, and 10 Fathom of Ratline Stuff.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Curgey, for six pounds Thirteen shillings and six pence, for Blacksmith's work supply'd Robert Fitzgerald, for a pump at the State Hospital, £6 13 6.

Samuel Ford being recommended as a Capable person to perform the duties of Lieutenant, the Board appointed him second Lieutenant of the Effingham Arm'd Boat, qualified him, and gave him his Commission.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Lawrence, for One hundred and Twenty-one pounds Thirteen shillings and five pence, for sundries bought at Vendue, £121 13 5.

State Navy Board,
July 10*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre.

Agreeable to the request of his Excellency, the President and Council, the Board Accompanied them to Billings Port.

State Navy Board,
July 11*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An order on Jacob Grantham to Commodore Hazelwood, for One Coil of small Rope.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Wade, for sixteen pounds Ten shillings, for One month's wages, of himself and two men, on board the Black Duck, £16 10.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Wade, for Thirty-three pounds, for Two months' wages, of himself and two men, on board the Speedwell, £33.

An Order on William Webb to Isaac and Thomas Heston, for Eighteen pounds two shillings and six pence, for Painting sundry Guard Boats and Oars, £18 2 6.

State Navy Board,
July 12*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Captain Brown of the Guard Boat Tormenter, one small Anchor, and one Anchor for the use of the Chain of Rafts belonging to Captain Hardie.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Cowpland with thirty-three pound Cartridges and two Swivel Cartridges, in lieu of so many damaged.

Order'd, Commodore Hazelwood to desire Captain Hardie to send up Paul Glascow, (a Hackler,) to Mess'rs Tittermary's Rope yard.

This day wrote the following Letter to the Continental Navy Board:

GENTLEMEN:—This Board labours under the necessity of some rigging and cannot do without, and have no other method of being supply'd by Mess'rs. Tittermary's, who cannot serve us without some men whom you have got. Therefore, you'l be pleased to furnish them with the following Men:

Arthur Kennedy, James Crowley, two Men belonging to the Fleet, now at work with James Wharton.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Eyres of the Schooner Delaware with sundries in his Indent.

William Bartin, first Lieutenant of the Chatham Galley, desired leave to resign his Commission, which the Board granted.

An Order on Robert Towers, Esq'r, to supply Pottis Resner with six three pound Cartridges, for the Signal Gun at Dalby's Point.

State Navy Board,
July 14*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Manuel Eyre. Joseph Marsh.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Colonel Blathwhite Jones, One Coil Ratline.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Rice of the Brig't Convention with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Beasley with 12 Fathom of Rope for a Buoy Rope, and 98 Fathom of Ratline stuff.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Garland of the Chatham Galley with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Captain Stiles, to supply Captain Thompson with sundries for the use of the Fort at Derby Creek.

Deliver'd Captain Garland of the Chatham Galley, Twelve Russia Sheeting Shirts for the use of his Men.

Order'd, Captain Beasley to exchange his Gun with Capt. Greenway of the Gun Boat Hornet.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to suppiy Captain Allen of the ship Montgomery, with six pounds Lamp Black, a quarter of a pound of Coperas and three paint Brushes.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Captain Houston of the Warren Galley a set of Oars for his Barge.

An Order on William Webb to Selwood Griffin, Blockmaker, for Twenty-five pounds seven shillings and three pence, in full of his Account against the Brig't Convention, Capt. John Rice, £25 7 3.

State Navy Board,
July 15*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb to Nathaniel Galt, for Eleven pounds seven shillings and six pence, ballance of his Account for Bounty money and Shipping Expences, £11 17 6.

An Order on William Webb to William Perkins, for Three pounds eight shillings and three pence, in full of his Account against Captain Galt and Hardie's Guard Boats, £3 8 3.

An Order on William Webb to Hercules Courtenay, for Ten pounds nine shillings and six pence, for Candles supply'd sundry Vessels belonging to the State, $10 9 6.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Brooks, for Forty-seven pounds sixtéen shillings and three pence, in full for building a Log House at Bombay Honk, $47 16 3.

State Navy Board,
July 16*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Samuel Massey.

An Order on Robert Towers to Martin Wirt, for four doz. empty Cartridges, and sundry things in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Lauchlen McLean of the Dickinson Galley with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Allen of the ship Montgomery, six yards of Canvass.

An Order on Jacob Myers, at Fort Island, to supply Captain Cristie, of the Fire Brigantine Vesuvius, with two Chains of eighteen feet each Chain.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Cristie, of the Fire Brigantine Vesuvius, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Jones, of the Fire Ship Strumbelo, with sundries in his Indent.

State Navy Board,
July 17*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on John Maxwell Nesbit to William Webb, for Ten Thousand Dollars 7/6, £3,750.

An Order on William Webb to Captain John Brice, for Twelve pounds One shilling, (seven pounds ten shillings of which is a Ballance for recruiting Expences for the Fire Sloop Ætna, and Four pounds Eleven shillings for recruiting Expences for the Fire Brigantine Vulcano,) £12 1.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Boys, of the Franklin Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Uriah Paul, for Five pounds for One month's pay attending the signal at long Point, due the first Instant, £5.

Thomas Hogg, being well recommended for a first Lieutenant, the Board appointed him first Lieutenant of the Burke Galley, (in the room of Adam Boyd, resign'd,) Gave him his Commission, and Swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to Elijah Dow, for Two hundred and seventy-one pounds four shillings and three pence, for spiers and Bolts for the Chevaux de Frize at Billings Port, quantity 3,338 ℔s., @ 19½d., £271 4 3.

An Order on William Webb to Jeremiah Simmons, for sixty-one pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, ballance of his Account for recruiting Men for the Arnold Battery, £61 17 6.

Deliver'd Captain Moore, of the Hancock Galley, five Blankets for the use of his men.

State Navy Board,
July 18*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*,
Emanuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh,
Samuel Massey.

This day appointed Joshua Humphrys, Junior, and Jacob Miller, to inspect the Condition of the different Float Stages employ'd last winter, and report the Damages done to each of them, and to whom they belong, to this Board.

An Order on William Webb to Gunning Bedford, for sixty pounds on Account, £60.

Order'd, William Crispin to pay Charles Derragh, who acted as Clerk to Commodore Seymore from October 18th, 1776, to Februa'y 18th, 1777, at the rate of One ration ℔ day.

The Board took into their Consideration the Conduct of Adam Guyer, living near the State Hospital, in supplying the men belonging to the fleet with liquor, wrote him a Letter forbidding such practice on pain of being prosecuted.

An Order on Plunkett Fleeson, to supply Captain William Allen, of the State Ship Montgomery, with a Drum.

State Navy Board,
July 19*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

His Excellency the President, by his Secretary, requested the Chairman of the Board to furnish General Du Cudroy with a Boat, to Convey him to Billings Port, and pursuant thereto, Commodore Hazelwood was requested to furnish a Boat for the purpose.

Yesterday, the Supreme Executive Council requested of this Board to Furnish General Potter with as Many Boats as may be necessary to Convey the Militia from Chester to Billings Port; in consequence whereof, have this day wrote Mr. Arthur Donaldson to send the two Wades and Townsend down to Chester, and to be there to-morrow Morning as early as Possible, and to apply to the Commanding Officer there for further Orders; as also to Commodore Hazelwood, to send the Accommodation Sloop from Darby Creek for the same purpose.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Martin, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to John Smith, for Three hundred pounds, £300.

An Order on Robert Towers and Joseph Stiles, to supply Captain John Rice with 500 Cartridges, 25 ℔s. Match Rope and 30 Hand Grenades.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Ditto, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Joseph Bradford of the Guard Boat Wasp, with sundries in his Indent.

This day requested Commodore Hazelwood to Order Captains Rice and Eyres, immediately to furnish this Board with a return of the Ammunition and the Condition their Powder is in; also an account of the Expenditure of the Powder since they have been on their respective Stations.

The Secretary has leave of absence till Monday afternoon.

State Navy Board,
July 21*st*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre.
Joseph Marsh, Andrew Caldwell,
Samuel Massey.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Hugh Montgomery, of the Effingham Galley, with sundries Contained in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Mess'rs Bridges and Annis with four pieces of Russia Duck.

An Order on Moses Young, to deliver Mess'rs Bridges and Annis, one piece of Russia Sheeting.

An Order on William Webb to Lauchlin McLean, for Twenty-seven pounds ten shillings, for Bounty and Expenses, enlisting five men for the Dickinson Galley, £27 10.

An Order on William Webb to John Huddle, for Seventy-two pounds Twelve shillings and four pence, ballance of his Account, £72 12 4.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Lyell of the Guard Boat Resolution, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Mitchell of the Galley Ranger, with twelve pounds of Candles.

An Order on William Webb to Capt. John Cristie, of the Fire Brig't Vesuvius, for Sixteen pounds, ballance of his Account for Bounty and Recruiting Expenses, £16.

An Order on Captain John Christie, to supply John & Robert Titermary, with a certain James Wood, a Ropemaker.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Greenway of Guard Boat Hornet, with two hundred weight of Junk.

An Order on William Webb to Captain William Greenway, for Forty pounds ten shillings, to recruit men for the Guard Boat Hornet, ℔ Order of Commodore Hazelwood, £40 10.

An Order on William Webb to Captain James Bradford, for Forty-nine pounds ten shillings, to Inlist Eleven Men for the Guard Boat Wasp, ℔ Order of Commodore Hazelwood, £49 10.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Mitchell of the Ranger Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

Captain Hanse attended the Board and requested their Interposition in his behalf to Colonel Proctor, for the return of Thomas Havens, a Sailor belonging to his Boat. In compliance thereto wrote Colonel Proctor either to return him Havens, or find a healthy, sound Man in his Room.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Edward Yorke, of the Camden Galley, with 100 lbs. Junk.

An Order on William Webb to Andrew Higgins, Pilot of the Schooner Delaware, for his wages from May 21, 1777, to July 21st, 1777, @ Forty-two Dollars ℔ month, and to Continue his Pay while in service, and this day gave him his warrant, and swore him accordingly.

The Board appointed John Marshall this Day to be Pilot of the Fire Ship Hecla, or any Vessell they shall order him on Board of, Gave him his warrant, and swore him accordingly.

They also appointed George Jackson this Day to be a Pilot of the Ship Strumbelo, or any Vessell they shall order him on board of, Gave him his warrant, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to John Bazella, for Three pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, for making two Carriages for the Guard Boats Hornet and Wasp, £3 17 6.

State Navy Board,

July 22d, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Capt. Hazelwood with sundries for the Officers Room at Darby Creek.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Mrs. George Whatt wages due her Husband, ℔ Certificate sent to William Webb.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Captain Richard Eyres, of the Schooner Delaware, Fifty pounds Bounty Money, ℔ Commodore Hazelwood's order, £50.

The following Orders was given to Capta'n John Rice, of the Brigantine Convention, and to Captain Richard Eyres, of the Schooner Delaware.

You are hereby order'd to join the Continental Fleet under the Command of Capt'n Isaiah Robinson, whose orders you are strictly to obey.

Letters wrote to Captains Rice & Ayres, with an order inclosed on William Webb, to pay each Fifty pounds to buy fresh provisions, £100.

An Order on William Webb to Philip Verntz, for Fifty-one pounds, for Bolts & Straps for the Chevaux de Frize, ℔ account, £51.

An Order on William Webb, to pay John Marshall sixty pounds for two months' wages for his Boats Crew stationed at the Mother kiln, £60.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver William Crispin five Barrels Beef.

State Navy Board,
July 23*d*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An Order on John Maxwell Nesbit to William Webb, for Three Thousand pounds, £3,000.

An Order on William Webb to Andrew Beck, for Ten pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, for 29 days attendance as waiter, £10 17 6.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Allen with sundries in his Indent, for the use of the Ship Montgomery.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain John Harrison, of the Experiment Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Solomon Markley, for Fifteen shillings, for Ten Bushells of Hair, supply'd the Arnold Battery, Captain Jeremiah Simmons, £15.

State Navy Board,
July 24*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Manuel Eyre.

Order'd, Jacob Grantham, to Deliver Captain Potts of the Bull Dog Galley, Eight Galley and three Yawls Oars.

An Order on William Webb to Isaac Roach, for Fifty Dollars, being bounty money for the Congress Galley, ℔ Order Commodore Hazelwood, £18 15.

An Order on William Webb to Lewis Grant, for Seventeen shillings and six pence, for a Gun Ladle and Fireling for the Guard Boat Viper, Captain Stephen Beasley, £0 17 6.

An Order on William Webb to Nathan Boys, for Twenty-six pounds, ballance of his Account being Bounty Money and Expences, ℔ Order of Commodore Hazelwood, £26.

An Order on William Webb to Ebenezer Massey, for Forty pounds, £40.

State Navy Board,
July 25*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh, (on duty,)
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb to Leonard Stanton, for Seventeen pounds ten shillings, for five Cords Wood, supply'd the Fire Brig't Vesuvius, Captain Cristie, £17 10.

An Order on William Webb to John Hall, for Ninety-one pounds two shillings and four pence, in full for supplying Captains, Rice, Gilbert & Cowpland, with fresh provisions at Reedy Island, £92 2 4.

State Navy Board,
July 26*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh,
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on Plunket Fleeson, to supply Captain Rice of the Brigantine Convention, with a Drum and Fife.

Order'd, Philip Wirt to Carry down a New Cable for the Brig't Convention, Captain Rice, and to bring up his and Captain Eyres's Old Ones.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Abraham Mason Two pieces Russia Duck, to make up for Grape Shot, and to Charge it to Robert Towers.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Allen of the Ship Montgomery, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Charles M'Henry, for Eleven pounds Twelve shillings and six pence, amount of Bounty and recruiting Expences of Joseph McCartney, belonging to the Arnold Battery, which sum said Webb is Order'd to stop out of said McCartney's pay, £11 12 6.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Grantham, for Twenty-four pounds, Ballance Due him for Attending the Store at Jones's Wharf, from 27th March last, £24.

Captain Garland of the Chatham Galley, having recommended Nathaniel Wallace to be his first Lieutenant, the Board approv'd of it, gave him his Commission, and swore him accordingly.

"IN COUNCIL,
PHILADELPHIA, *July* 26*th*, 1777.

On motion agreed,

That it be recommended to the Navy Board to furnish Gen'l Du Cudroy with a Convenient Boat, whenever he may call upon them for one.

Extract from the Minutes.

TY. MATLACK, *Sec'y*."

A True Copy:
EBENEZER MASSEY, *Sec'y N'y B'd.*

State Navy Board,
July 28th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh.
Manuel Eyre,

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Colonel ——— with four Barge Oars.

An Order on William Webb to Henry Martin, for Thirteen pounds ten shillings, for Bounty of Men for the Guard Boat Lyon, ℔ order of Commodore Hazelwood, £13 10.

An Order on William Crispin, to supply Commodore Hazelwood with what provisions and necessaries he may want.

An Order on William Webb to Pearson & Shearman, for Fifty-eight pounds, for Six Howits deliver'd Captains Greenway, Cowpland & Bradford, £58.

Order'd, Mr. Annis to deliver Captain Perkins, of the Fire Ship Hecla, a Fore Top Sail.

Order'd, Jacob Grantham to deliver Philip Wirt Forty Barrels Beef, Thirty Barrels Bread, Two Hogsheads Rum, and to George Wirt Twenty Barrels of Beef and Fifteen Barrels of Bread, and a Takle Fall.

Apply'd to Mr. Blair McClanahan to send this Board all the Anchors that he can spare, which the Board agrees to pay him for, or to replace them.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply John Brice, of the Fire Brigantine Vulcano, with sundries in his Indent.

Order'd, That John Cottringer be discharged from the service of this State, he having found an able bodied man in his stead, as appears by a Certificate from Captain John Rice, Esquire, of the Brigantine Convention.

This Board request that Thomas Fitzsimons, Esquire, lend them One Thousand pounds, and that said sum be paid to William Webb, Esq'r, Paymaster to the State Navy.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Marsh, for Forty pounds nineteen shillings & four pence, being the amount of his Account against sundry Vessells belonging to this State, £40 19 4.

State Navy Board,
July 29th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh,
Manuel Eyre, Samuel Massey.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply John McCulloh, Master Carpenter, with 34 fathom five Inch rope, Two double Blocks and hooks, and Twenty-eight fathom of Two Inch Rope for the use of Red Bank.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Thomas McWaters Forty-five pounds, for 180 Perch Stone Deliver'd Arthur Donaldson, for the use of the Chevaux de Frize at Billings Port, £45.

This day wrote a Letter to Thomas Fitzsimons, desiring him to deliver to Captain William Greenway, Esq'r, the Brigantine Morning Star, which was purchased of him by the Continental Navy Board for a Fire Vessel.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Casdrop, for Three hundred and Eighty-four pounds Eighteen shillings & four pence half penny, ballance of his Account, £384 18 4½.

This day the Board appointed James McNight Captain of the Fire Brigantine called the Blast, gave him his Commission, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to Paine Newman, for Two hundred and Twenty-one pounds nine shillings, in full of his Account, £221 9.

State Navy Board,
July 30th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

The following General Orders were rece'd this day from the Honorable Continental Navy Board:

"To Messrs. WHARTON and FALCONER,
Commissioners of Naval Stores:

GENTLEMEN:—Please to deliver to the Order of the Honorable the State Navy Board, such materials as they may want out of Our Store, for the purpose of getting out the Continental fire Ships.

FRANCIS HOPKINSON,
JOHN NIXON."

"To Mr. JOHN BROWN,
Clerk of the Yards:

SIR:—Deliver to the Order of the honorable the State Navy Board such Boards, Scantling and Plank as they may want, for the purpose of fitting out the Continental Fire Ships.

FRANCIS HOPKINSON,
JOHN WHARTON."

A True Copy:
EBENEZER MASSEY, *Sec'y S. N. B.*

An Order on William Webb to George Garland, of the Chatham Galley, for One hundred Dollars for Bounty Money, ℔ Order Commodore Hazelwood, £27 10.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Hardie of the Guard Boat Terror, with sundries in his Indent.

Agreeable to the request of this Board, Colonel William Bradford has granted Furlows to Robert Wood and Godfrey Hamled, two Privates in Captain Easterly's Company of Militia, and to John Gemmer, a Private in Captain Piercey's Company of Militia, at Billings Port, to work with William Rush, Blacksmith, and one to John Cowin, work at the Fire works, and to return when this Board shall Order them.

An Order on William Webb to Hill and Marret, for Nineteen pounds ten shillings, in full of their account against the Fire Brig't Vulcano, £19 10.

Deliver'd John William Annis, out of the Store underneath, one piece of Russia Sheeting, for to make an Aunin and Sails for Commodore Hazelwood's Barge, which said piece Annis had an Order on Moses Young for. (See Minutes July twenty-first, Instant.)

Order'd, William Crispin, Esq'r, to settle with John Clowls, being Captain Murphy's Order on this Board for the payment of Sixty pounds, for 30 Gallons Rum, for the use of himself and crew of the Armed Boat Eagle, station'd near Lewis Town.

An Order on Wharton and Falconer, Commissioners of Naval Stores, to supply Gunning Bedford with such Materials as he may want for the Continental Fire Ships.

An Order on John Brown, Clerk of the Yards, to supply Major Thomas Casdrop with such Boards, Planks and Scantling as he may want for the use of the above Fire Ships.

State Navy Board,
July 31*st*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Andrew Caldwell,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh,
Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb to Andrew Rosbotham, for Fifteen pounds twelve shillings, for whitewashing the Hospitals at Province Island, and sundry other work, £15 12.

Order'd, Robert Towers to furnish this Board with the number and sizes of all the Barr shot under his care, as also to fill all the empty boxes with Cartridges, for the use of the Galleys & Floating Batteries.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Allen of the Ship Montgomery, with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on Bridges & Annis, to supply Captain Allen with two pounds sewing twine.

The following orders were given to Commodore Hazelwood:

Sir:—This Board has the greatest reason to believe that Mr. Howe, with his Fleet and Army is now on their way, and that he intends to invade this State. You are hereby requested to issue your Orders to the different Captains under your command, to attend their different Stations and consult on such matters when met, as you may judge best for the defence of this State and the River Delaware.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Allen of the Ship Montgomery, with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Bradford of the Guard Boat Wasp, with six Muskets, Ammunition and Flints.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Roach of the Congress Galley, with sundries contained in his Indent.

Deliver'd Captain Bradford of the Guard Boat Wasp, nine Blankets for the use of his men.

This day obtain'd an Order from the Pennsylvania Board of War, on John Tyler or Robert Towers, to deliver Captain Bradford of the Guard Boat Wasp, four Stands Arms, three Bayonets and two Cartooch boxes.

An Order on William Webb to Casdrop and Davis, for Three hundred pounds on Account, £300.

An Order on William Webb to Daniel King, for Twelve pounds for a Brass Chamber for the Ship Montgomery, £12.

Valentine Standley, Jun'r, being recommended to this Board, by Doctor William Shippen, as a suitable person for a Surgeon, the Board appointed him Surgeon of the Ship Montgomery, William Allen, Esq'r, Commander; Gave him his warrant, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Fitz Gerald, for Eighty-five pounds four shillings and nine pence, in full of his Account, £85 4 9.

State Navy Board,

Aug't 1st, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Andrew Caldwell, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on Robert Towers and Joseph Stiles, to deliver Captain

Thomas Hazelwood One Hundred handgranades, with half a Barrel of powder.

An Order on William Webb to William Rush, for six Hundred pounds on account, £600.

Mr. Joseph Marsh is Order'd to purchase two small Skifts for the use of the Fire Ships.

An Order on William Webb to William Pritchett, for Forty-eight pounds nine shillings and six pence, in full of his Account, £48 9 6.

An Order on Messrs. Jacob Grantham, Robert Towers, Joseph Stiles, and Bridges and Annis, to supply Captain Allen, of the Ship Montgomery, with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to John Moffett, for Forty-two pounds, for six hundred Bushells of Coal d'd Jacob Myers at Fort Island, £42.

An Order on William Webb to Hill and Marret, for Twenty-six pounds for a Cedar Skiff, £26.

An Order on John Maxwell Nesbit to William Webb, for Four Thousand pounds, £4,000.

An Order on Joseph Ogden, to deliver Joseph Jones such plank as he may want for a Fast Bridge.

State Navy Board,

Aug't 2d, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh, Andrew Caldwell.

An Order on William Webb to Peter Brown, for One hundred and ninety-five pounds fourteen shillings, in full of his Acco't, £195 14.

An Order on William Webb to Richard and John Tittermary for Three hundred pounds on Account, £300.

An Order on William Webb to John Huddle, for One Hundred pounds, £100.

An Order on William Webb to John Duche, for One Hundre pounds, £100.

An Order in favor of William Webb to the Honorable the Continental Navy Board, for One Thousand pounds, for the use of fitting out the Fire fleet for the Continent, £1,000.

An Order on William Webb to John Smith, for Four Hundred and fifty pounds, £450.

An Order on William Webb to Arthur Donaldson, for Four hundred pounds, £400.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Grantham, for Fifty pounds, £50.

This day wrote Commodore Hazelwood, and requested of him to make enquiry into the situation of the fire Vessells Hecla & Vulcano, Cap'ts Perkins and Brice, whether they are prepar'd to go down with the Continental fleet, which are under Orders to proceed to-Morrow, as also to inform Captains Eyres and Rice to join and proceed down with the fleet, subject to the former orders of this Board.

State Navy Board,

Aug't 4th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on Mess'rs Towers & Stiles, to supply Captain Eyres of the Schooner Delaware, with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Eyres, with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Brice of the Fire Brigantine Volcano, with sundries contained in his Indent.

Deliver'd Captain Brice out of the Lodge Store, Twenty yards of Ozenbrigs.

A request to the Continental Naval Board, to lend this Board a Cable for the Fire Brig't Vulcano, Captain Brice.

Orders sent to Captains Brice & Eyres, vizt:

SIRS:—We have to inform you the necessity requires an alteration in the Orders you have already received; therefore, you'l be pleased to take notice that you are not bound by any orders heretofore issued; but from henceforth you are hereby order'd to observe any directions, instructions or orders issued by the Commanding Officer of the Continental fleet, now order'd down on a secret expedition, from time to time, or so long as the fleet shall be performing the intended expedition.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Moore of the Hancock Galley with Twenty-four pounds of Candles.

An Order on Mess'rs Bridges & Annis, Sail Makers, to make an Aunin for the Experiment Galley, John Harrison, Esq'r, Commander.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Harrison of the Experiment Galley with a Cable.

An Order on Mr. Robert Towers, to supply Captain Hardie of the Guard Boat Terror, with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to William Hammon, for Five

pounds, for One Month's pay tending the Alarm post at Market Street Wharf, due the third Instant, £5.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Mitchell of the Ranger Galley with Twelve pounds of Candles.

Orders sent to Captains Brice & Perkins, vizt:

Sirs:—The Board have consented, that the Fire Brig't Vulcano and fire Ship Hecla, under your commands, should proceed as soon as you can provide & furnish yourselves with necessaries, down the River & Bay of Delaware, with the Continental fleet. Now you are hereby directed to observe all orders from the Commanding Officer of the said fleet, during your continuance and while your stay may be thought necessary, or untill you shall be discharged.

An Order to Captain Simmons of the Arnold Battery, to deliver John Henese his Servant, he paying the Bounty and Expences to William Webb, pay Master to the State Navy.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Myers, for Twenty-six pounds Eight shillings & three pence three Farthings, in full for Eight Men's work as Blacksmiths at Fort Island, £26 8 3¾.

An Order on William Webb to William Perkins, for Three pounds and six pence, in full of his Account against the Guard Boat Brimstone, Captain Watkins, £3 0 6.

An Order on William Webb to Richard Wells, for Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, in full of one month's hire of his Pilot Boat, £37 10.

An Order on William Webb to Matthias Young, for Fourteen pounds fourteen shillings, in full of his Account for painting sundry Boats, £14 14.

An Order on William Webb to pay Mr. Cha's Richards Five pounds, for One Month tending the Alarm post at Gloucester, £5.

State Navy Board,

August 5th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to William Little, for One pound ten shillings, for three Bench plains for the Ship Montgomery, £1 10.

An Order on William Webb to Mathias Young, for Four pounds four shillings and six pence, for painting the Ship Montgomery's Barge, £4 4 6.

An Order on William Webb to Samuel Halladay, for nine pounds, for Haleing a Load of Hemp from Lancaster about the 3d June last, £9.

An Order on William Webb to John McFatrick, for Eleven pounds for Bounty Money, ℔ order Commodore Hazelwood, £11.

An Order on William Webb to Captain Robert Pomroy, for Two pounds fifteen shillings and nine pence, for 55¾ lbs. Spanish Brown, £2 15 9.

Lieutenant Douglas Spence, of the Brigt. Convention, being appointed to the Command of a Fire Ship in the Continental service by consent of this Board, he this day deliver'd up his Commission.

An Order on William Webb to Nathaniel Galt, for Five pounds ten shillings Bounty Money, ℔ order Commodore Hazelwood, £5 10.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Nathaniel Galt with Eight yards Canvas for the Fire Rafts.

State Navy Board,
Aug't 6th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to Hugh Montgomery, for Thirty pounds, Bounty money for the Effingham Galley, £30.

An Order on William Webb to John Allen, for Sixty-nine pounds, for 3½ Cords Hickery, and 9¼ Cords Oak wood, for the use of the fire Works in the Congress service, £69.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Betterton, for nineteen pounds three shillings, Amount of his Account of Cooperage, £19 3.

An Order on William Crispin, Esq'r, Commissary, to supply John Marshall, Pilot of the fire Ship Hecla, with two Rations ℔ day from the 26th July last.

An Order on William Webb to Lewis Trimble, for six pounds fourteen shillings and one penny, for scantling Bought of him by Gunning Bedford for Derby Creek Fort, £6 14 1.

An Order on William Webb to Dun and Hale, for ninety-five pounds seven shillings and six pence, in full of their Account, £95 7 6.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply John Hoover, of the Accommodation Sloop Hetty, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Neglay, for Seventy pounds Eight shillings, in full for Spirits of Wine and Turpentine, for the use of the Fire Ships in the Congress service, £70 8.

An Order on William Webb to Rowland Prichatt, for One hundred and fifty-nine pounds fifteen shillings, in full of his account of Cooperage, &c., £159 15.

An Order on William Webb to Uriah Paul, for Five pounds, for One month's pay attending the signal Gun at Long Point, due the first Instant, £5.

State Navy Board,
August 7th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb to Capt. William Potts, of the Bull Dog Galley, for Twenty-six pounds, Ballance of his Account, Bounty Money & Expences enlisting Men, ℔ Order of Commodore Hazelwood, £26.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Capt. Mitchell, of the Ranger Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on the Continental Navy Board, to Pay William Webb Two Thousand pounds, £2,000.

An Order on William Webb to Gunning Bedford, for Two hundred pounds, on Account of the Fire Vessells fitting out by the Continental Navy Board, £200.

Appointed Robert Hardie Captain of the Burke Galley, gave him his Commission, and swore him Accordingly.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Lieutenant Hug, of the Burke Galley, with sundries Contain'd in his Indent.

A request made to Colonel Bradford for Daniel Ent, Blacksmith, to be sent up on Furlow; he accordingly sent him to Paine Newman, to make Graplins and Chains for the Fire Vessells now fitting out by the Continental Navy Board.

Captain Alexander this day waited on the Board, and inform'd them that Commodore Hazelwood order'd Joseph Gamble to take Charge of the Ship Delaware, in order to Pilot her through the Chevaux de Frize, and to continue on board her untill further Orders; and on application being made to him by Captain Alexander, he absolutely and *bone fide* refused to go on board. Upon which the board wrote a Letter to the Supreme Executive Council of this State, and inform'd them of the Conduct of the said Pilot; and in consequence of his refusal, the Board (in order that the said Ship may not meet with any detention) wrote a Letter to Commodore Hazelwood immediately to appoint another Pilot to take charge of said Ship.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Kelly, of the fatigue party from Billings Port, with two pounds of Candles and two Quire of paper.

State Navy Board,
August 8th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain York of the Camden Galley, with his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to William Slide, for Forty-two pounds fifteen shillings, for nine Cords and a half of Wood, purchased the second Inst., by Commodore Hazelwood, at Derby Creek, for the use of the Fire Rafts Men station'd there, @ 90/ ℔ cd., £42 15.

An Order on William Webb to James Flanagan, for Thirty pounds fifteen shillings, for Ten Cords and a Quarter of Wood, purchased July 10th ult., by John Read, Barrack Master at Fort Island, and landed near the State Hospital Wharfe, for the use of the Galleys station'd there, at Three pounds ℔ cord, £30 15.

An Order on Mess'rs Bridges and Annis, Sail Makers, to furnish Captain Benjamin Rue of the Guard Boat Fire Brand, with a Sail such as he may direct.

James Irwin, Esq'r, was this day appointed Captain of the Guard Boat Terror, the Board gave him his Commission and swore him accordingly.

State Navy Board,
August 9th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb to Philip Wirt, for Two pounds five shillings, for half Cord of Wood, bought for the use of the Schooner Lydia, £2 5.

An Order on William Webb to Samuel Wheeler, for Sixty-nine pounds, for Ten Chains and Eight Graplins, wt. 460 ℔s. @ 3/, for the use of the Continental Fire Vessells, £69.

An Order on William Webb to Steal & Newman, for One Hundred and Thirty-Eight pounds Nineteen Shillings, for two Chains for Schuylkill Bridge, £138 19.

An Order on William Webb to David Hendrixson, for Sixty-four pounds fifteen shillings, for Eighty logs for the Chevaux de Frize at Billings Port, £64 15.

The Secretary has leave of absence till Monday afternoon.

State Navy Board,
August 11*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Joseph Marsh, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to furnish Captain Clark of the Fire Sloop Ætna, with a Cable and fifteen fathom of 3½ inch rope.

An Order on William Webb to William Watkins, for Twenty-two pounds fifteen shillings and six pence, being the ballance of his Account for Inlisting, &c., £22 15 6.

An Order on William Webb to Francis Gilbert, for Sixteen pounds ten shillings Bounty Money, &c., ℔ Order Commodore Hazelwood, £16 10.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Benjamin Rue of the Guard Boat Fire Brand, with sundries contain'd in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain McLaine of the Galley Dickinson, with six Oars for his Yawle.

In consequence of a Letter received from Henry Fisher, Esq'r, the Board desired Commodore Hazelwood to Order the following Guard Boats to proceed to Lewistown, and to be under the direction of Henry Fisher, Esq'r, :

Brimstone, - -	Captain Watkins.
Porcupine, - - - -	Tatnall.
Viper, - - - -	Beasley.
Fire Brand, - - - -	Rue.
Thunder, - - - -	Gilbert.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Gilbert with one hundred rounds of Powder and Ball for a Three pounder, 20 hand-grenades, 10 ℔s. Powder, One pound of Sulfer & 30 fuses, on Fitz Gerald.

An Order on William Webb to Moses Kelley, for Ten pounds twelve shillings and six pence, for 85 days' work on the Continental Fire Vessells, at 2/6 ℔ day, 31 days of which Captain McCullough is to pay, £10 12 6.

William Mollerston, one of the Chevaux de Frize Pilots, appeared this day and produced a discharge from the Supreme Executive Council.

Order'd, William Webb & William Crispin, Esq'rs, to settle with William Mollerston.

A Letter from Leeson Simmons, acquaints the Board that he has appointed a man at Long Point, No. 3, in the room of Uriah Paul, and has lower'd the price from five pounds ten shillings to three pounds, at Port Penn.

A Request to William Webb to stop one-half of John Kelley's pay, (belonging to the Schooner Delaware,) being Forty-five shil-

lings, till further orders; also to stop Joseph Gamble's (one of the Chevaux de Frize Pilots) Pay till further orders.

A Request to William Crispin to stop Joseph Gamble's Rations till further orders.

State Navy Board,
Aug't 12*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh,
Samuel Massey, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Rue, of the Guard Boat Fire Brand, with sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Rue, of the Guard Boat Fire Brand, with sundries contained in his Indent.

John Meanor petition'd this Board for a second Lieutenancy in the Armed Boat Experiment, Captain Harrison, and being recommended as a suitable person by Commodore Hazelwood for the vacancy, the Board, upon his attendance this day, gave him his Commission, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on William Webb in favor William Rigden, for Eleven pounds ten shillings, for Painting and Glazing done on board the Floating Battery, Captain William Brown, £11 10.

An Order on Robert Towers & Jacob Grantham, to furnish Captain Beasely, of the Guard Boat Viper, with the sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Robert Towers and Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Tatnall, of the Guard Board Porcupine, with the sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Tatnall, for Twelve pounds, being the Ballance due him for recruiting, &c., ℔ Account, £12.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Jones, of the Fire Ship Strumbelo, with four Yawls Oars.

An Order on Robert Towers, to deliver Captain Thomas Hazelwood One hundred hand-granades for the Continental Fire Vessells.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Watkins, of the Brimstone Guard Boat, with 50 Rounds of Amunition, for a three pounder.

70 Rounds of Ditto, for Swivel Guns.
20 Rounds of Shot for ditto.
50 Rounds of Grape for ditto.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Watkins with 15 ℔s. Candles, 1 Cable, and 150 ℔s. Langrage shot, for the use of the Guard Boat Brimstone.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Rue, of the Guard Boat Fire Brand, with 150 lbs. Langrage shot, for a Two pounder.

An Order on William Webb to William Adcock, for Twenty-six pounds sixteen shillings and three pence, for 9¾ Reams of Paper, £26 16 3.

State Navy Board,
Aug't 13*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

This day received the following Order from the Supreme Executive Council:

"IN COUNCIL,
PHILAD'A, *August* 13*th*, 1777.

SIR:—Pay to Joseph Blewer, Esq'r, Chairman to the State Navy Board, or to his order, five thousand pounds, for which he is to Account, £5,000.

To Jacob S. Howell."

An Order on Jacob S. Howell to William Webb, for the above sum of Five thousand pounds, £5,000.

Order'd, William Crispin, Esq'r, Commissary, to supply each of the Guard Boats now order'd down to the Capes, with half a barrel of Pork.

An Order on William Webb to Charles Thomson, for Five pounds, for one month's attending the Signal at Thomson's Point, due the 2d Inst., August, £5.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Wade, for Sixteen pounds ten shillings, for one month's wages of himself and two Boys, £16 10.

State Navy Board,
August 14*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Manuel Eyre, Joseph Marsh.

An Order on Robert Towers and Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Allen of the Ship Montgomery, with sundries contain'd in his Indent.

The Board took into their Consideration the absolute necessity of providing a harbour for the several State Vessells during the winter; and thereupon,

Resolved, That they will set off to-morrow morning for Fort Island, in order to examine the different parts thereof and places contiguous thereto, for the aforesaid purpose.

State Navy Board,
August 15*th*, 1777.

Joseph Blewer, (on duty,) Samuel Massey, (on duty,)
Manuel Eyre, do. Joseph Marsh, do.

State Navy Board,
August 16*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

Mr. Joseph Casdrop presented an account of the damages done to the several stages employed by him last winter, in making a bridge over Schuylkill, amounting to £51 5, as ℔ a report made under the hands of Mess'rs Joshua Humphreys and Jacob Miller, two persons appointed by this Board to value the said damages.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Casdrop, for Fifty-one pounds five shillings, in full of the above award, £51 5.

An Order on William Webb to John Webb, at State Island, for Three pounds twelve shillings and six pence, being Expences attending the Board on a visit down to Fort Island, agreeable to the resolve of the 14th Instant, £3 12 6.

State Navy Board,
August 18*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh,
Samuel Massey, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Hardie, for fifteen shillings, being for five stone juggs, supply'd the State Store, as ℔ receipt from Jacob Grantham, Clerk of the said Store, £0 15.

An Order on William Webb for fifteen shillings, for a Blanket the Board bought of a poor woman, £0 15.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Hardie, for Forty-five pounds, for bounty money for the use of the Burke Galley, ℔ Commodore Hazelwood's Order, £45.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Hazelwood, for Six pounds

fifteen shillings, for bounty for the use of the Guard Boat Fame, ℔ Commodore Hazelwood's Order, £6 15.

An Order on William Webb to Samuel Wheeler, for Eighty-four pounds nineteen shillings and six pence, for Eight Graplins and 200 feet of Chains, wt. 566½ lbs. @ 3/ ℔ lb., for the use of the Continental Fire Vessells, £84 19 6.

Supply'd Captain Montgomery of the Effingham Galley, with six yards of Ozenbrigs for bread bags.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Mitchell, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Brown of the Putnam Battery, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Mess'rs Bridges and Annis with Eight pieces of Russia Duck, for the use of the Sloop Sally, Captain Wade.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Simmons with three pounds of twine for the use of the Arnold Battery.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Thomas Hazelwood with One hundred weight of Powder, for the use of the Continental Fire Vessells.

An Order on William Webb to John Williams, for Nine pounds fourteen shillings and four pence, in full of Account for Nails had of John Litle to build two Barges, £9 14 4.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Potts of the Bulldog Galley, with Twenty-four pounds of Candles and two quire of writing paper.

An Order on William Webb to pay Captain William Potts, Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, for recruiting Men for the Bulldog Galley, ℔ Order Commodore Hazelwood, £37 10.

State Navy Board,
August 19*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb to Moses Kelly, for Two pounds, for fatigue Men's work at the Continental Fire Ships, £2.

An Order on William Webb to John Hubley, for Two hundred and sixty-five pounds sixteen shillings, for 5,316 lbs. Hemp, at 1/ ℔ lb., £265 16.

An Order on William Webb to Captain James Blair of the Burke Galley, for Eighteen pounds seven shillings and five pence, ballance of his Account for Bounty Money, &c., ℔ Order Commodore Hazelwood, £18 7 5.

Order'd, Captain Simmons of the Arnold Battery, to attend this Board on Tuesday, the 21st Instant.

An Order on William Webb to William Perry, for the following Accounts and Orders from Henry Fisher and John Adams:

Amo't of Acc't, Henry Fisher from Chas. Lawrence, due,		£106 0 4
Amo't of Acc't, Francis Conoly from	Ditto	10 8 3
Amo't of Acc't, Francis Conoly from	Ditto	4 3 0
Amo't of John Adams's Order, - - -		30 0 0
Amo't of Eleanor Hitchcock's account, - -		26 9 6
		£177 1 1

Mr. Thomas Marle inform'd the Board this day, that Colonel William Bradford has the Barge which this Board granted s'd Marle, and is still retain'd by said Colonel's Orders.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Captain Hardie of the Burke Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Garland of the Chatham Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

State Navy Board,
August 20th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey,
Manuel Eyre, Andrew Caldwell,
Joseph Marsh.

This day, the following Letter was wrote to Colonel Lewis Nichola, of the Battalion of Invalids:

SIR:—The Board request of you a Sergeant's Guard to protect the combustibles and fire Vessells belonging to the Continent, now lying on and at Jones's and Thomson's Wharfes, below the Sweeds' Church, in Southwark, where there is a Guard House belonging to this State provided for their reception.

An Order on William Webb to Samuel Robins, for Two hundred and Thirty-Eight pounds fifteen shillings and seven pence, in full of account for building sundry Boats, &c., £238 15 7.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Casdrop, for Two pounds, for damages done Edward Frew's Stage, when employ'd in building the Schuylkill Bridge, £2.

An Order sent to Captain John Harrison of the Experiment Galley, to deliver Henry Jones an Apprentice, to his Master, John Hull.

An Order on William Webb to Poltis Risner, for Five pounds, for One month attending the Alarm Gun at Dalby's Point, due the 4th Instant, August, £5.

Application being made to this Board by the Overseers of the Poor in Southwark, in behalf of Ralph Boon, who has the care of a Child of John Kelly's, a Seaman on board the Schooner Delaware, Capt. Eyres, and on considering the same, the Board gave an Order to said Boon, to receive of William Webb, Pay Master, Forty-five shillings out of said Kelly's wages Monthly, for the maintainance of said child till further Orders from this Board.

An Order on Robert Towers, to Captain Robert Tatnall of the Guard Boat Porcupine, to exchange a parcell of Powder and Shot; as also to supply him with six Cutlasses for the use of his Men.

The Board this day examin'd the Minutes of their proceedings from the time of their appointment, to the 18th Instant, inclusive, and it appears that each Member have attended the following number of days affix'd to each of their names:

Josepn Blewer, 155 days,	Andrew Caldwell, 28 days,
Samuel Massey, 112 days,	Manuel Eyre, 142 days,
Joseph Marsh, 136 days,	Paul Cox, 106 days,
Robert Ritchie, 34 days,	Thomas Fitz Simons, 30 days,
Thomas Barclay, 10 days,	William Bradford, 115 days.

And in pursuance thereof, the Chairman granted the following Orders to the members present:

An Order on William Webb to		Joseph Blewer, for	£155 0 0
Do.	do.	Manuel Eyre, for	142 0 0
Do.	do.	Joseph Marsh, for	136 0 0
Do.	do.	Samuel Massey, for	112 0 0

State Navy Board,
August 21*st*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*,	Joseph Marsh,
Samuel Massey,	Manuel Eyre.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Henry Martin of the Guard Boat Lyon, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Bridges and Annis, as much Canvas as will make the Guard Boat Resolution, Captain William Lyle, a Foresail and Rigging.

This day, the Board Renewed Captain Robert Tatnall's Commission, granted him by the Old Council of Safety, May 28th, 1776, and swore him accordingly.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain ——— of the Burke Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Marsh, for Three pounds thirteen shillings, his expences in purchasing Stuff for the Chevaux de Frize at Billings Port, £3 13.

An Order on William Webb to John Wiseman, for Twelve pounds thirteen Shillings, for eleven thousand Pump Nails, @ 23/ ℔ M., for the use of the Store, £12 13.

State Navy Board,
August 22*d*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Samuel Massey.
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb to Capt. Isaac Roach, of the Congress Galley for Thirty-seven pounds ten Shillings Bounty Money, advanc'd ℔ order Commodore Hazelwood, £37 10.

The Board this day waited on the Honorable the Supreme Executive Council, and inform'd them that they had visited Fort Island, and the places contiguous for the purpose of wintering the State fleet, and were pleased to give us for answer they would take it into consideration and give us their opinion.

An Order on William Webb to William Hazlewood, for Twenty-five pounds on account of fatigue Men employ'd in fitting out the Continental fire Vessells, £25.

An Order on William Webb to Michael Ryan, for wages due to Robert Stokes, his servant, now on board Captain Simmons of the Arnold Battery, and to continue it Monthly while he is his Servant in the Service.

General Potter this day apply'd to the Board for Shallops to transport Troops to and from Billingsport, Fort Island and Chester, which was granted, and order'd Captains Robert Wade, Joseph Wirt, Townsend and George Wirt, to attend at Market Street Wharfe for that business.

State Navy Board,
August 23*d*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh,
Samuel Massey, Manuel Eyre.

"IN COUNCIL,
PHILADELPHIA, *August* 22*d*, 1777.

For £3,000.

Pay to the Chairman of the State Navy Board Three Thousand pounds, for which that Board is to acco't, £3,000.

THOMAS WHARTON, JUN'R, *Pres't.*

TO MR. JACOB S. HOWELL."

A True Copy:
EBENEZER MASSEY, *Sec'y N. B.*

An Order on Jacob S. Howell to William Webb, for the above sum of three thousand pounds, £3,000.

An Order on William Webb to John Allen, for fifty pounds, for 12 Cords of Oak and one Cord of Hickory Wood, bought by Captain Boys, for the use of the State fleet and fort, £50.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Capt. Harrison, of the Experiment Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb, to Pearson and Shearman, One Hundred and fifty pounds on account, £150.

An Order on William Webb to George Jackson, Pilot of the Ship Strumbelo, for One months' pay.

The Continental Navy Board waited on us this Morning and requested we would send down three of our Galleys and two fire Vessells to the assistance of Captain Alexander, and we inform'd them we wou'd write to the Executive Council and take their advice in the Matter, which we did in the following manner:

GENTLEMEN:—The Continental Navy Board waited on us this Morning, and requested that we would send down to the assistance of Captain Alexander three of our armed Gallies and two fire Vessels.

The Board now request you will be pleased to take the matter under your consideration, and give such order as you see meet.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Grantham, for seventy-five pounds, £75.

An Order on William Webb to William Pomrey, for Two pounds five Shillings, Amount of his Account against Ship Montgomery, £2 5.

The Council was pleased to favor us with answer to ours of this day, and have agreed on we shou'd send the Gallies and Fire Vessells, requested by the Continental Navy Board, for the assistance of Capt. Alexander;—upon which we order'd Captain Thomas Moore, of the Hancock Galley, Captain Boys, of the Franklin Galley and Capt. Roach, of the Hancock Galley, and desir'd the Commodore to order Captain Jones, of the Strumbelo, to join the fleet under Capt. More.

Which instructions are as follows:

SIR:—The board request you, with the Captains, Boys and Roach of the Gallies, and Captain Jones, of the fire Ship Strumbelo, to proceed with the greatest dispatch, and join Captain Alexander, whose orders you and the others above mention'd will strictly obey. Capt. Wirt will deliver you one hogshead of rum and as much beef and pork, with bread for six weeks' cruise, for all the Vessells under your command, which you'l see them provided with. At Reedy Island apply to Captain Simmons or Mr. Benjamin Hall, who will supply you with what fresh provisions you will have occasion for. Captain Alexander has orders to take particular care that you are

not order'd too low down or into ruffer water than your Vessells will be sufficient to be safe in.

Order'd, Captain Martin Wirt, of the ammunition sloop, to supply Captain Moore, with amunition for himself and fleet under his command.

Ordered, Jacob Grantham to supply Capt. Boys, with sundries contain'd in his Indent.

State Navy Board,
August 25th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb to Elijah Dow, for Twenty-five pounds on account, £25.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Allen of the Ship Montgomery, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain William Allen of the Ship Montgomery, with twelve pounds Candles, and one empty Barrel.

Samuel Carson being recommended as a proper person for a first Lieutenant of the Franklin Galley, the Board gave him his Commission.

State Navy Board,
August 26th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, William Bradford,
Manuel Eyre, Paul Cox,
Samuel Massey.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas McWaters, for Forty-two pounds, for supplying the fire Vessells with Stone for Ballast, twelve pounds of which is to be charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, £42.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Philip Wirt of the Schooner Lydia, with sundries contain'd in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply George Wirt of the Sloop Liberty, with sundries contain'd in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Casdrop, for Two hundred and Twenty-Eight pounds one shilling, amount of his Account against the Continental fire Vessells, and to be Charged the Continental Navy Board, £228 1.

An Order on William Webb to John Smith, for Three hundred pounds on account, £300.

State Navy Board,
August 27th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, William Bradford,
Paul Cox, Joseph Marsh,
Samuel Massey, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Houston of the Warren Galley, with sundries contain'd in his Indent.

This day, Lewis Rue, second Lieutenant of the Bulldog Galley, desired leave to resign his Commission, which the Board accepted.

An Order on William Webb to Zacheveril Wood, for Thirteen pounds seventeen shillings & six pence, for his attendance as waiter, &c., on the Board, to the 26th Instant, as ℔ account, £13 17 6.

An Order on William Webb to Paul Cox, (one of the Members of the Board,) for One hundred and six pounds, for his attendance to the 18th Inst., Inclusive, £106.

An Order on William Webb to William Bradford, (one of the Members of the Board,) for One hundred and fifteen pounds, for his attendance to the 18th Inst., Inclusive, £115.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain M'Fatrick of the Washington Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Anthony Cuthbert, for four hundred and sixty-six pounds and four pence, (three hundred and twenty nine pounds of which to Charge Schuylkill Bridge with,) £466 0 4.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Bridges and Annis with five pieces Russia Canvas.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Loxley, for Twenty pounds Eleven shillings, for sighting of Guns on board the Galleys and Armed boats; also for drilling a spike of the Gun on board the Effingham Galley, Captain Montgomery, £20 11.

An Order on William Webb to Richard and John Tittermary, for Three hundred and Ninety-One pounds five shillings and seven pence half-penny, ballance in full of their Account, £291 5 7½.

State Navy Board,
August 28th, 1777.

PRESENT:

William Bradford, *C. M.*, Joseph Blewer, (on duty,)
Paul Cox, (on duty,) Manuel Eyre, (on duty.)

An Order on Jacob Grantham and Robert Towers, to supply Captain Brown of the Guard Boat Tormentor, with his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Daniel Packer, for Forty-three pounds, for Ten Cords and three quarters of Oak Wood, supply'd the

fire Ship Pluto, @ 80/ ℔ cord, ℔ Captain Pomeroy's receipt, and to be Charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, £43.

State Navy Board,
August 29th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Paul Cox, William Bradford,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to Edward Yorke of the Camden Galley, Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, ℔ Order Commodore Hazelwood, for Bounty Money, £37 10.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Yorke with six Yawles Oars.

An Order on William Webb to Camelia Taylor, for Fourteen shillings, for scrubbing the Room and Stairs, £0 14.

An Order on William Webb to Charles Woolfall, Blacksmith, for Nineteen pounds sixteen shillings and five pence, in full for sundry Accounts against the State fleet, £19 16 5.

An Order on William Webb to David Caldwell, for Thirty pounds, on Account of faggots received by Jacob Grantham for the use of the Continental fire Vessells, £30.

An Order on William Webb to John Knox, for Twenty-three pounds Eighteen shillings, for sundries put into the State Store that J. Grantham has, £23 18.

An Order on William Webb to Andrew Beck, for Seventeen pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, in full of his Account to this day, £17 17 6.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Cimble, for Twenty-three pounds ten shillings, for Eleven Cords and three quarters of wood, @ 40/ ℔ Cord, for the fire Ship Salamander, Captain Douglas Spence, to be charged to the Continental Navy Board, £23 10.

An Order on William Webb to Richard Tittermary, for Two hundred pounds, to procure hemp for the use of this State, which he is to account for, £200.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Mitchell of the Ranger Galley with sundries in his Indent.

"IN COUNCIL,
PHILADELPHIA, *August* 29, 1777.

On motion agreed,

That the Chevaux de Frize Pilots now in the pay of this State, be discharged.

Extract from the Minutes.

T'Y. MATLACK, *Secre'y.*"

A True Copy:

EBENEZER MASSEY, *Sec'y S. N. B.*

In consequence of the Chevaux de Frize Pilots being discharg'd from their service, have order'd William Webb to stop paying them any further, and William Crispin to stop supply'g them with rations from this date.

State Navy Board,
August 30th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Joseph Marsh,
Paul Cox, Manuel Eyre,
William Bradford.

The Chevaux de Frize Pilots appear'd at the Board, when the Chairman inform'd them that the Executive Council had discharg'd them from being Pilots to the Chevaux de Frize Channel.

An Order on William Webb to William Clifton, for Fifteen pounds in full of his Account, for sundry work done for the Chevaux de Frize, £15.

An Order on William Webb for Seth Hilman, for Forty-six pounds, for 11½ Cords wood for the Continental fire Ship Pluto, Captain Pomeroy, to be charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, £46.

An Order on William Webb to Barnard Vaneard, for Thirty-five pounds, for 8¾ Cords of wood, @ 80/, for the Continental Fire Ship Pluto, Captain Pomeroy, to be charged to the Continental Navy Board, £35.

State Navy Board,
September 1st, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Paul Cox,
Samuel Massey, William Bradford.

An Order on Manuel Eyre, to supply Captain Montgomery of the Effingham Galley, with Two hundred feet of Boards.

An Order on William Webb to Timothy Clark, for Eight pounds Eleven Shillings, for logs & haleing for the Chevaux de Frize, £8 11.

An Order on William Webb to pay the Widow Wills, Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, for One Month's pay of the Victualling Boat, £37 10.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Naglee, for Eighteen pounds Eighteen Shillings, for sundries for the Continental fire Ship, £18 18.

An Order on William Webb to John Hall, for Twelve pounds, ℔ Order of Leeson Simmons, for his board, £12.

An Order on William Webb to Gunning Bedford, for One hundred and fifty pounds on Account, to be Charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, £150.

State Navy Board,
September 2*d*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
William Bradford, Joseph Marsh.

The Board was this day Order'd on duty by the Supreme Executive Council.

State Navy Board,
September 3*d*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Paul Cox.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Perkins of the fire Ship Hecla, with his Indent.

An Order on William Crispin, to supply Captain Joseph Wade of the Store Sloop, with Twenty Gallons of Rum, for the use of the Men while employ'd in sinking the Chevaux de Frize.

An Order on William Webb to Captain Hazelwood, for fifteen pounds, for the use of the Continental fire Vessels, and to be Charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, £15.

An Order on William Webb to William Hammond, for five pounds for a Month's pay, tending the Signal on Market Street Wharfe, due the 4 Instant, £5.

An Order on William Webb to Charles Richards, for five pounds for one Month's pay, tending the Signal at Gloucester, due the fourth Inst., £5.

An Order on William Webb to Captain John Mitchell, for ninety-two pounds seventeen shillings & two pence, ballance of his Account, ℔ Order of Commodore Hazelwood, £92 17 3.

Put into William Webb's by Captain John Mitchell, forty pounds seventeen shillings and six pence, £40 17 6.

This day, received the following order from the Supreme Executive Council:

"IN COUNCIL, *September* 3, 1777.

SIR:—Pay to Joseph Blewer, Esq'r, Chairman to the State Navy Board or to his Order, four thousand pounds, The State Navy Board to be accountable, £4,000.

To DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Esq'r, *Treasurer*."

An Order on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, to William Webb, for four thousand pounds, £4,000.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Grantham, for fifty pounds, £50.

State Navy Board,
Sep't 4th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, William Bradford,
Paul Cox.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Montgomery of the Effingham Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to William Williams & Clinton, for Eighty-three pounds fourteen shillings and four pence, ballance of their Account, £83 14 4.

An Order on William Webb to Caleb Hewat, for Thirty-six pounds, for 9 Cords of wood for the fire Ship Pluto, to be Charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, £36.

Alexander Thompson, private, belonging to the Washington Galley, being represented by Doctor Dunlap, as unfit for service, The Board accordingly discharged him.

An Order on William Webb to pay Peter Clark or Order, six pounds, as so much of his pay, £6.

An Order on Robert Towers and Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Garland of the Chatham Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

The Board wrote a letter this day to Major Henry Fisher, to order the five guard boats from Cape Henlopen, to their Stations at Darby Creek Mouth.

An Order on William Webb to Commodore John Hazelwood, Esq'r, for One hundred pounds, for extra services in fitting out the fire fleet, &c., ℔ order of the Supreme Executive Council, £100.

State Navy Board,
September 5th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Joseph Marsh, William Bradford,
Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb, to Benjamin Betterton, for Thirty-one pounds twelve shillings, for Iron bound Mess Kidds, Cans & Cags, ℔ Account, £31 12.

An Order on Jacob Grantham to supply Captain Laughlin McLeane of the Dickinson Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Henry Speers, for three pounds seven shillings and six pence, his expences after deserters, £3 7 6.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Willson, for four pounds five shillings, his expences after deserters, £4 5.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Brown of the Putnam Battery, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Moore Furman, for Two hundred & nine pounds Eighteen shillings & three pence, in full for Iron, £209 18 3.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain John Brice of the fire Brig't Vulcano, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Bridges and Annis the Old Sails for the use of the fire Brig't Vulcano, Capt. John Brice.

The board this day appointed Christopher Ronedollar, to take charge of the Signal Gun at Gloucester.

State Navy Board,
Septem'r 6th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre.
Paul Cox, William Bradford,
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to pay the following Men, and to be charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, vizt:

To Edmund Beach,	for 58 Hogsheads,	@ 45/	each,	£130 10.
Philip Ryan,	for 57	Ditto	Ditto	128 5.
Roane & Penyard,	for 56	Ditto	Ditto	126 0.
John Rowan	for 32	Ditto	Ditto	72 0.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Myers, for nine pounds three shillings and Eleven pence, in full of three accomp'ts, £9 3 11.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to deliver Jacob Myers sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Phineas Harlan, for thirty-six pounds, for the hire of his Shallop to bring Ballast for the Continental fire Vessells, and to be Charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, £36.

An Order on William Webb to Plunket & Singleton, for three pounds four shillings and six pence, in full of their account. £3 4 6.

An Order on William Crispin, to pay Joseph Ferguson, late Clerk to Commodore Seymour, at the rate of One ration ℔ day, from the 27th of February last, to the 14th June, inclusive.

An Order on William Webb to Joseph Ferguson, for Twenty-two pounds for his wages as Clerk to Commodore Seymour, ℔ account, £22.

State Navy Board,
September 8th, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Paul Cox, William Bradford.

The board received the following this day from the Supreme Executive Council:

"IN COUNCIL,
PHILADELPHIA, *September 1st*, 1777.

Mr. John Read represented to the Council, the banks of Fort Island wanted some repairs.

Order'd, That it be recommended to the Navy Board to repair the banks of Fort Island and Order the necessary repairs to be made therein.

The Gentlemen of the Navy Board having some time ago represented the advantages and necessity of having a flood-gate at Fort Island, made so as to admit the guard boats, &c., in the winter; therefore,

Order'd, That the Navy Board do make such a flood-gate as will answer the aforesaid purpose.

Extract from the Minutes.
T'Y. MATLACK, *Secre'y*."

true Copy:
E. MASSEY, *S. S. N. B.*

An Order on Robert Towers and Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Thomas Hazelwood with Sundries contained in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb, to pay William Tricket Twelve pounds two shillings, in full of his Account, £12 2.

An Order on William Webb to William Rush, for Six hundred Thirty-three pounds nineteen shillings and six pence half-penny, ballance of his former Account, £633 19 6½.

An Order on William Webb to John Smith, for Three hundred and Thirty pounds & six pence half-penny, ballance of his Account against the Chevaux de Frize, £330 0 6½.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Simmons of the Arnold Battery, with sundries in his Indent, and One box of Candles.

An Order on William Webb, to Captain Jeremiah Simmons of the Arnold Battery, for Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, for bounty Money, ℔ Order of Commodore Hazelwood, £37 10.

The Board this day received the following Resolve from the Supreme Executive Council:

"In Council,
Philadelphia, *September 6th*, 1777.

Resolved, That on the present emergency, when the enemy's army endeavouring to penetrate to this City—may be aided by a fleet in the Delaware, the actual command of naval force of this State be committed to John Hazelwood, Esq'r, as Commodore in this department, on account of the age and infirmities of Thomas Seymore, Esq'r, the Superior Officer, as it is manifest to Council that Commodore Seymore, in the present state of his health cannot be capable of that vigour and activity which are essential to the service at this time of danger in which the most strenuous efforts of the stoutest will be necessary.

Extract from the Minutes.

TY. MATLACK, *Sec'y.*"

A true Copy:

E. Massey, *Sec'y to the N. B.*

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Brown of the Putnam Battery, with one box of Candles.

An Order on William Webb to Elijah Dow, for Fifty pounds on Account, £50.

An Order on William Webb to pay John Hoover of the Sloop Hetty, Thirteen pounds ten shillings, for Bounty Money ℔ Order of Commodore Hazelwoood, £13 10.

An Order on Robert Towers, to supply Jacob Grantham with four hundred weight of Meal powder.

State Navy Board,
September 9th, 1777.

Present:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre,
Joseph Marsh, Paul Cox.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Harrison of the Experiment Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to John Thompson, for Forty-six pounds fifteen shillings, for Eleven Cords of Wood for the use of the fleet belonging to this State, £46 15.

An Order on William Webb to George Clouse, for ten pounds fifteen shillings and five pence, for sundry Blacksmith's work put into Jacob Grantham's Store, ℔ receipt, £10 15 5.

An Order on William Webb to Daniel Dolby, for Twenty-two pounds, for Eleven White Oak Hogsheads, for the use of the Continental Fire fleet, and to be charged to the Continental Navy Board, £22.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Potts of the Bulldog Galley, with his Indent.

An Order on William Webb to Peter Brown, for One hundred and forty-two pounds nineteen shillings, for sundry Iron Work for the Continental fire Vessells, to be Charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, £142 19.

An Order on William Webb to Peter Brown, for Two hundred and sixty-four pounds thirteen shillings, £174 18 of which to be Charg'd to the Schuylklll Bridge, £264 13.

State Navy Board,
September 10*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, William Bradford.

An Order on William Webb to David Caldwell, for Twenty pounds, towards fagots for the Continental fire Vessells, to be Charg'd to the Continental Navy Board, £200.

An Order on William Webb to Jacob Hanse, for Thirteen pounds thirteen shillings and two pence, ballance of his Account for Bounty, &c., ℔ Order Commodore Hazelwood, £13 13 2.

An Order on William Webb to John Coburn, for Eighty-one pounds, for One hogshead Oil, put into Jacob Grantham's Store, Cont'g 90 Gallons, £81.

An Order on the Continental Navy Board to William Webb, for One Thousand pounds, £1,000.

An Order on William Webb to Ann King, for Twelve pounds Thirteen shillings and Eleven pence, for 32 & ⅝ths yds. Bunting for Colours for the fleet, £12 13 11.

An Order on William Webb to David Thomson, for Four pounds Thirteen shillings, for 31 days Wharfage of three Continental fire Vessels, @ 3/ ℔ day, to be Charged to the Continental Navy Board, £4 13.

An Order on William Webb to Bridget West, for Ten pounds, as a donation, by order of the Executive Council, her husband having died on board one of the Galleys, in the service of the State, £10.

An Order on William Webb to John Beasley, for fifteen pounds, on Acount, £15.

An Order on William Webb to Doctor James Dunlap, for Thirteen pounds ten shillings, for sundry Medicines for the use of the State fleet, £13 10.

Benjamin Brooks and Joseph Wade is employ'd this day to take on board their Vessels, Ammunition from Robert Towers, for the use of the State.

An Order on William Webb to James Hood, for Thirty-two pounds, for 16 White Oak Hogsheads, to be Charged to the Continental Navy Board, £32.

State Navy Board,
September 11*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Hugh Montgomery of the Effingham Galley, with sundries in his Indent.

An Order on Jacob Grantham, to supply Captain Allen of the the Ship Montgomery, with sundries in his Indent.

State Navy Board,
September 12*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre.

Deliver'd Colonel John Eyre, twelve Shovels for the use of the Fort at Derby Creek Mouth.

An Order on William Webb to Henry Litman, for Fifty-eight pounds sixteen shillings and six pence, in full of his Account against the Chevaux de Frize, £58 16 6.

An Order on William Webb to Agnus Jones, for Fifty pounds, for half a year's rent of Wharfe and Stores, £50.

State Navy Board,
September 13*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, William Bradford.

An Order on William Webb to Arthur Donaldson, for Three hundred pounds, £300.

An Order on William Webb to Paine Newman, for Four Hundred and ten pounds fifteen shillings and six pence, on Account, £410 15 6.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin January, for Twelve pounds ten shillings, for Books and paper deliver'd Jacob Grantham, ℔ receipt, £12 10.

An Order on William Webb to Andrew Beck, for six pounds ten shillings, for Thirteen days' attendance as waiter, £6 10.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Casdrop, for Three hundred pounds on Account, £300.

"IN COUNCIL, *September* 13*th*, 1777.

SIR:—Pay to Joseph Blewer, Esq'r, Chairman of the State Navy Board, or to his Order, Three Thousand pounds, the Navy Board to be accountable, £3,000.

THOMAS WHARTON, JUN'R, *Pres't.*

To DAVID RITTENHOUSE, *Treasurer.*"

An Order on David Rittenhouse to William Webb, for the above sum of three Thousand pounds, £3,000.

State Navy Board,
September 15*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, William Bradford.

An Order on William Webb to Rebecca Cole, for Seven pounds Eight shillings, in full of Acco't due the Estate of John Cole, deceased, £7 8.

An Order on Willlam Webb to Hill and Marret, for One hundred and seventeen pounds twelve shillings and two pence, £117 12 2.

An Order on William Webb to Nathaniel Galt, for Ten pounds, ℔ Order of Doctor James Dunlap, for Surgeon's Instruments, £10.

State Navy Board,
September 16*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, William Bradford.

An Order on William Webb to John Halverstots, for nine pounds, for nine Sheep Skins, £9.

An Order on William Webb to Frederick Linck, for Eleven pounds, for porterage of goods from the Lodge to the State Store, £11.

An Order on William Webb to Henry Litman, for Forty-seven pounds Eight shillings and five pence, in full of his Accompt against the fleet, £47 8 5.

An Order on William Webb to John Jones, for Fifty-two pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence, (£50 1 9, to be Charged to the Continental Navy Board,) £52 16 9.

An Order on William Webb, to pay John Shee his monthly wages.

"IN COUNCIL,
PHILADELPHIA, *September* 16*th*, 1777.

For £3,000.

Pay to Joseph Blewer, Chairman of the State Navy Board, or Order, the sum of three thousand pounds, for which the said Board is to Account, £3,000.

THOMAS WHARTON, JUN'R, *President.*

To DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Esq'r, *Treasurer.*"

Copy.

An Order on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, Treasurer, to William Webb, for Three thousand pounds, £3,000.

Order'd, William Crispin to put six hogsheads Rum and One Ton of Bread on board Captain George Wirt, with such other articles as he may think will be wanted in case of an engagement.

State Navy Board,
September 17*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre, William Bradford.
Joseph Marsh.

An Order on William Webb to Manuel Eyre, for Two hundred pounds, on Account, £200.

An Order on William Webb to John Adams, for Fifteen pounds, ℔ Order of James Pearson, and to be Charged to the Continental Navy Board, £15.

An Order on William Webb, to pay Jacob Grantham fifty pounds for the use of the State Store, £50.

State Navy Board,
September 18*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, William Bradford,
Manuel Eyre; Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Whitehead Jones, for fourteen pounds, being wages due John Miller, tending the Signal at Reedy Point from July 4th to September 4th, Inst., is two months, at £7 ℔ mo., as ℔ Order said Miller, £14.

An Order on William Webb to Abraham Mason, for Thirty-three pounds nine shillings and six pence, in full of his Account against the Ship Montgomery and Burke Galley, £33 9 6.

An Order on William Webb to William McCullough for Twenty-two pounds ten shillings, for Ten Barrels Tarr, put into the State Store, ℔ Jacob Grantham's receipt, £22 10.

An Order on William Webb to Benjamin Condy, for nine pounds seventeen shillings & six pence, for repairing sundry Telescopes belonging to the fleet, £9 17 6.

State Navy Board,
Sept'r 19*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Manuel Eyre.

An Order on William Webb to Pearson & Shearman, for Two hundred & thirteen pounds, balance of their Account, (the Amount of the Acco't £378; £329 of which is to be Charged to the Continental Navy Board,) £213.

An Order on William Webb to Fergus Purdon, for One hundred and Twenty-Eight pounds fifteen shillings, for sundries supplied the State Hospital, £128 15.

An Order on William Webb to Dean Timmons, for Two hundred and Twenty-four pounds ten shillings & three pence, in full for 24 boxes Candles, put into Jacob Grantham's Store, £224 10 3.

Agreed with Mathew Byers, to attend the Board as waiter, at twelve shillings and six pence per day.

State Navy Board,
Sept'r 20*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, William Bradford,
Paul Cox.

An Order on William Webb to Bridges and Annis, for Thirty pounds, £30.

An Order on William Webb to Eneas Sickler, for One hundred and fifty pounds, on Acco't of Tar, £150.

"IN COUNCIL,
PHILAD'A, *Sep'r* 20*th*, 1777.

SIR:—Pay to the State Navy Board, or Order, the Sum of Eight Thousand dollars, the Board to be accountable, £3,000.

THOMAS WHARTON, JUN'R, *President.*

To DAVID RITTENHOUSE, Esq'r, *Treasurer.*"

A True Copy.

An Order on David Rittenhouse, Esq'r, to William Webb, for the above sum of Eight thousand dollars, £3,000.

State Navy Board,
Sept'r 22*d*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*, Paul Cox,
William Bradford.

An Order on William Webb to Elijah Dow, for Fifty pounds, on Acco't, £50.

An Order on William Webb to Nicholas Toy, for Twenty pounds, for Masts made in John Wharton's Yard, £20.

An Order on William Webb to Thomas Townsend of the Sloop Industry, for Forty-two pounds, for two Months' Wages of himself and three men, £42.

An Order on William Webb to John Hall, for fifty-nine pounds thirteen shillings and six pence in full, for supplying the Galleys at Reedy Island with Beef, &c., ℔ Ac't, £59 13 6.

An Order on William Webb to Robert Fitzgerald, for Sixty pounds on Acco't, £60.

An Order on William Webb to David Caldwell, for One hundred & forty-one pounds Ten shillings and Eleven pence, balance of his Account of Faggots, to be Charged to the Continental Navy Board, £141 10 11.

State Navy Board,
Sep'r 23*d*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*,
Manuel Eyre,
Paul Cox,
William Bradford (on duty,)

State Navy Board,
Sep'r 24*th*, 1777.

PRESENT:

Joseph Blewer, *C. M.*,
Paul Cox,
Manuel Eyre.
William Bradford.

An Order on William Webb to Ann King, for four pounds Twelve shillings and six pence, for making sundry Colours for the fleet, £4 12 6.